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Dear Requester,

Thank you for your request for information dated 9 July 2024 and for which you sent clarification on 11 July 2024. I have set out the relevant information below.

You have asked the Department of Justice for:

REQUEST 1: Copies of all policies, procedures, or guidelines relating to domestic violence/abuse.

The below information and documents are publicly available online, therefore are being **provided under ‘Line of Business’**:

- [Stopping Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse in Northern Ireland: A Seven Year Strategy March 2016](#). Please note a new strategy is due to be launched in the coming weeks and will be available on the Department’s website.
- Policy and guidance relating to the [Domestic Violence and Abuse Disclosure Scheme \(DVADS\)](#). Please note the PSNI have operational responsibility for the scheme.
- Policy and guidance for [Multi-Agency Domestic Homicide Review Guidance](#).

- The [Statutory Guidance](#) for the [Domestic Abuse and Civil Proceedings Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2021](#).

REQUEST 2: For which Section 75 characteristics can you provide figures of people requiring interventions due to domestic violence/abuse in the latest 5 year period for which records are available? You clarified that by interventions you meant referrals or engagements via any of the reporting or support mechanisms outlined in the policies/procedures requested.

The Department does not hold data for section 75 characteristics of people in relation to your request.

If you are unhappy with the result of your request for information you may request an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this letter. If you request an internal review, please do so in writing stating the reasons to the address above.

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Information Commissioner
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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Manager

