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Dear FOI Applicant,

Thank you for your freedom of information request received in this office on **29 January 2024** in which you asked:

'1. Please can you provide details of any victims services commissioned by the OPCC exclusively for victims under the age of 18, including:

- Details of the service(s)*
- The funding allocated to each service*
- How many victims under the age of 18 were supported by these services.*

Please can these details be provided for the year 2022/23 and 2021/22

2. Please can you provide details of any victims services commissioned by the OPCC that provide support for victims under the age of 18 (even if the service is not exclusively for victims under the age of 18), including:

- Details of the service(s)*
- The funding allocated to each service*
- How many victims under the age of 18 were supported by these services.*

Please can these details be provided for the year 2022/23 and 2021/22'

In response to your request, I can confirm that the OPCC holds the following information:

In regards to funding for victims services and the amounts allocated to them, I can confirm that this information is exempt under Section 21, as it is already publicly available. The information is available via the following links:

- [PCC Decision - 017-2021 - External Commissioning Budgets 2021-22 - West Midlands Police & Crime Commissioner \(westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk)
- [Decision 024-2021- Victims Services National ISVA and IDVA Funding - West Midlands Police & Crime Commissioner \(westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk)
- [PCC Decision -Victims' Services Budget Decision Addendum - West Midlands Police & Crime Commissioner \(westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk)

If a service is referred to as a 'Child' or 'Young Peoples', these are services for those under the age of 18.

Unfortunately, we are unable to split the number of victims under the age of 18 that were supported by these services into those specifically for those under 18, and for the general services we commission. This is because providers are not required to fill in the demographic

sections of their returns for each service, and therefore these numbers includes both projects specifically for under 18's and over 18s. However, I can confirm the following:

- 4,102 Victims under the age of 18 were supported in 2021-22
- 9,030 Victims under the age of 18 were supported in 2022-23

Freedom of Information Right of Appeal

Any person who has requested information from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and is unhappy with the way their request for information has been handled can request a review of their case.

A request for review must be made in writing by letter or email. You should include the reference number of your request if you have it, and outline why you are requesting the review to:

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Lloyd House
Birmingham
B4 6NQ

Telephone: 0121 626 6060
Email: wmpcc@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk

All requests for review will be recorded. Receipt of a request for internal review will be acknowledged and the appellant informed of an estimated date for determining the outcome. The OPCC will attempt to respond to internal reviews as soon as practicable and in any case within two months.

All investigations will be undertaken by someone not involved in the original response.

The result of any internal review will be communicated to the appellant outlining the decisions taken.

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 08456 30 60 60 or 01625 54 57 45
Website: www.ico.gov.uk

There is no charge for making a request for internal review or appeal to the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely,



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Deputy Chief Executive