



## **Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

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2. How do does the organisation carryout a review of the effectiveness of the support provide to the victims?
3. The number of Rape cases report in calendar year 2015, 2016 and 2017?
4. The number of female rape cases for young females in the age group 16 to 25 for calendar years 2015, 2016 and 2017?

## **Response**

I write further to your request under the Freedom of Information Act. I set out below responses below on behalf of the OPCC.

1. *What support (i.e. counselling, victim support, etc?) to the victims is available from when the rape has been reported through to closure of the court case?*
  - Victims of rape who report to police will be assigned a Specially Trained Officer (STO) by Thames Valley Police and they will receive the services of the Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC).
  - Victims over age 17 are offered support from Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVAs) provided by the organisation Refuge across Thames Valley.
  - Victims aged under 18 years receive support through young persons' ISVAs provided by the organisation SAFE.
  - Counselling is also available to victims who require it via the Specialist Counselling Service.
  - Refuge, SAFE and the Specialist Counselling Service are all commissioned and funded by the PCC.
  - Thames Valley also has 4 Rape Support Centres who provide a variety of services, including ISVAs, group work and counselling.
2. *How do does the organisation carryout a review of the effectiveness of the support provide to the victims?*
  - Contracts commissioned and awarded by Thames Valley PCC are contract managed by this office, including requirement for quarterly performance data and an annual audit of services.
  - The PCC's contract management strategy can be found on the PCC's website.

- The data provided by commissioned service providers includes outcome measures for victims such as increased feelings of safety.
- The newly established Victims First Hub is also requesting consent to provide a 6 month call-back to victims referred through the Hub in order to conduct follow-up surveys and establish with victims whether the support they received met their needs (or could be improved).

3. *The number of Rape cases report in calendar year 2015, 2016 and 2017?*

4. *The number of female rape cases for young females in the age group 16 to 25 for calendar years 2015, 2016 and 2017?*

In relation to questions 3 and 4, I must advise you that following a search of our records, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner does not hold this information.

Due to the nature of the information you are seeking, these questions would be more appropriately directed to Thames Valley Police. However, having made enquiries with the Force's Public Access Department, I understand you have already submitted this request to the Force. They will therefore respond to your request directly in due course.

### **Right to review**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

The Chief Executive  
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner  
The Farmhouse  
Thames Valley Police Headquarters  
Oxford Road  
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Email: [pcc@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:pcc@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

I trust that this letter sufficiently answers your Freedom of Information Act request. However, if there is information requested which you believe is not included within this response then please email or telephone the writer directly in order that I may try to assist you further.