

**Please ask for :** Alethea Fuller  
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**west midlands**  
**police and crime**  
**commissioner**

Date: 20/12/2024

Dear FOI Applicant,

Thank you for your freedom of information request received in this office on **5 December** 2024 in which you asked:

*'I require for the following information, if you are able to share this or have the data:-*

- 1. The number of crimes involving knives for the past 24 months where injury has occurred in the City of Wolverhampton*
- 2. The number of crimes involving knives over the past 24 months where death has occurred in the City of Wolverhampton*
- 3. The number of crimes involving guns for the past 24 months where injury has occurred in the City of Wolverhampton*
- 4. The number of crimes involving guns over the past 24 months where death has occurred in the City of Wolverhampton*
- 5. The number of crimes committed that are confirmed as gang related (retaliation for example) in the past 24 months in the City of Wolverhampton*
- 6. Statistics of the ethnicity of those injured in knife and gun crime around the city of Wolverhampton in the past 24 months*
- 7. The gender of those injured in knife or gun crime around the city of Wolverhampton in the past 24 months*
- 8. The age of those injured in knife or gun crime around the city of Wolverhampton specifically those related to gang crime in the past 24 months*
- 9. The age range of those injured or murdered as a consequence of knife or gun crime in the City of Wolverhampton in the past 24 months.*
- 10. The names of known Gangs within the City of Wolverhampton*
- 11. The five worst areas affected by gang activity within Wolverhampton City.*
- 12. The religion of perpetrators of gang crime in the City of Wolverhampton in the past 24 months*

13. *The religion of victims of gang crime in the City of Wolverhampton in the past 24 months.'*

In response to your request, I can confirm that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner does not hold the information you requested.

I can advise you that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner currently report fiscal year-to-date performance on knife crime and gun crime across the West Midlands as part of the monthly management information provided to the PCC and SMT. However, the requested timeframes do not align with this existing data, and significant data retrieval and analysis would be required to address the questions accurately. Under the Freedom of Information Act, FOI should not require an organisation to undertake new work to generate information.

I can also advise you that this request may be better dealt with by West Midlands Police. Please see the below details should you wish to submit an FOI to WMP.

**Freedom on Information Unit**

West Midlands Police  
PO Box Box 52, Lloyd House  
Colmore Circus Queensway  
Birmingham  
B4 6NQ  
E-mail: [foi@westmidlands.police.uk](mailto:foi@westmidlands.police.uk)

**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](mailto: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](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Fuller', enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Alethea Fuller  
Deputy Chief Executive