

REQUEST

Dear Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime, I would like to know the backgrounds of victims of knife crime in London during the past year. In the light of the dramatic headlines that often accompany such incidents, it would be helpful and reassuring for the public to know the extent to which victims, particularly victims of fatalities, are involved in gang feuds and more specifically links with substance abuse and related crime.

ANSWER

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 14 February to the Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime (MOPAC).

I confirm that your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000 and that MOPAC does hold some information relating to your request. However, this information is exempt from disclosure under Section 40 Personal Information of the FOIA. This is an absolute exemption, therefore no Public Interest Test is required.

If you are unhappy with the response to your Freedom of Information request, please see the MOPAC website on what the next steps are at:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac/governance-and-decision-making/freedom-information>