

**REQUEST – Under the freedom of information, I would like to request the following information:**

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**RESPONSE –**

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In respect of questions 1 and 2, MOPAC does not hold information on the total current level of funding for prevention and support services across London for domestic abuse; however, we do know that Local Authorities and central government departments such as the Home Office all fund domestic abuse services across London.

In answer to question 3, MOPAC has pooled historic Home Office funding streams into a single fund called the London Crime Prevention Fund (LCPF) which Local Authorities use to commission local projects. Below are the yearly totals of all the LCPF projects we fund which relate to domestic abuse. This includes projects such as perpetrator intervention programmes which seek to address the perpetrator's behaviour and Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVAs) who support victims through the criminal justice process.

| Financial Year | 2013/14    | 2014/15    | 2015/16   | 2016/17    |
|----------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| Amount         | £2,827,720 | £3,120,459 | 3,139,378 | £3,143,490 |

In response to question 4m as of 1 October 2014, MOPAC has a new role as a commissioner of Victims' services. To inform this, MOPAC commissioned an Independent Victims Review which can be found here: <http://www.london.gov.uk/priorities/policing-crime/publications/review-of-victim-services-in-london>. One of the reviews recommendations is to address the gaps in the provisions of services including support for male victims of abuse. In his manifesto, the Mayor committed to working with partners to commission a pan London domestic violence service. This service will provide support to both male and female victims of domestic abuse.

In terms of question 5 and what research has formed any of the above; you will find a number of reference sources in the footnotes of our published strategies. You can find our strategies relating to domestic violence here: <http://www.london.gov.uk/priorities/policing-crime/our-work/violence-against-women-girls>. In addition, MOPAC conducted an extensive piece of analysis which underpins our approach to supporting victims of domestic abuse. Briefly, our analysis showed an 11.3% increase in domestic violence with injury between 2012/13 and 2013/14 and that there were over 39,000 female victims recorded in calendar year 2013, nearly 80% of all domestic abuse victims.