

Our ref: 228/16

1. How many murders or attempted murders of sex workers/prostitutes have been recorded in your Force since 1st January 2000?

2. Please provide

- a) date,
- b) time,
- c) location,
- d) name of deceased,
- e) age of deceased,
- f) sex of deceased,
- g) method of killing,
- h) detection status,
- i) whether considered linked to any other murder.

Listed are all offences which were first crimed between 01/01/2000 - 31/12/2015 (and were not subsequently cancelled), are classified as 1/1 Murder or 2 Attempted Murder and either had a Victim whose occupation is recorded as prostitute/sex Worker, or contain the phrase %PROSTITUTE% and/or %SEX% within the crime notes, crime summary and/or MO (Modus Operandi) and - following a manual check - were deemed to involve a Victim who worked as a prostitute/sex worker at the time of the offence.

"Offence classification" indicates whether the offence was classified as Murder or Attempted Murder

"Earliest/Latest committed date/time" show the period in which the offence was, or is believed to have been, committed

"Location" shows the street and town in which the offence occurred

"Method" indicates the method of killing/attack

"Outcome" shows the current status of the investigation

"Linked to any other offence(s)" indicates whether the crime record is linked to any other related Murder/Attempted Murder crime records

Further details of offence classifications and outcomes can be found within the Home Office Counting Rules (HOCR) for Recorded Crime:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/counting-rules-for-recorded-crime>

Figures are subject to further investigation, re-classification and cancellation and may therefore change over time.

West Yorkshire Police have a dedicated Department who are responsible for investigating Major and Serious Crime types across the county. This means that West Yorkshire Police can provide resource capacity and expertise in support of Territorial Districts to deliver an integrated, high level investigative service for the most serious of crimes including murder.

Offence classification	Earliest committed date/time	Latest committed date/time	Location	Victim name	Victim age	Victim gender	Method	Outcome	Linked to other offence(s)?
Attempted Murder	29/10/2000 03:40	29/10/2000 03:40	Norcroft Street, Bradford	Nicola HIRST	26	Female	Sharp instrument	1. Charge/Summons	N
Murder	13/04/2001 00:00	26/04/2001 00:00	Thornton Street, Bradford	Rebecca HALL	19	Female	Hit/cut	0. Ongoing	N
Murder	09/09/2004 00:01	08/10/2004 16:39	Meanwood Road, Leeds	Lyndsey BOURNE	28	Female	Sharp instrument	1. Charge/Summons	N
Murder	01/09/2006 03:30	01/09/2006 03:52	Bexley Mount, Leeds	Samanathha PITHIE	32	Female	Arson - setting fire and causing death by fire	1. Charge/Summons	N
Attempted Murder	06/07/2007 12:55	06/07/2007 12:55	Midland Road, Bradford	Karena PRIEST	26	Female	Strangulation	1. Charge/Summons	N
Murder	04/10/2007 01:25	04/10/2007 01:25	Lower Fitzwilliam Street, Huddersfield	Geraldine BROCKLEHURST	40	Female	Sharp instrument	1. Charge/Summons	N
Murder	01/10/2007 09:00	14/01/2008 09:00	Grisedale Avenue, Huddersfield	Sarah MOURNIAN	32	Female	Blunt instrument	1. Charge/Summons	N
Murder	22/05/2010 21:00	23/05/2010 04:00	Thornton Road, Bradford	Suzanne BLAMIRE	36	Female	Shooting (weapon does not necessarily need to be a firearm, e.g. crossbow, catapult)	1. Charge/Summons	Y
Murder	25/06/2009 00:00	24/05/2010 17:59	Thornton Road, Bradford	Susan RUSHWORTH	43	Female	Not known	1. Charge/Summons	Y

Murder	29/04/2010 00:00	24/05/2010 17:59	Thornton Road, Bradford	Shelley ARMITAGE	31	Female	Shooting (weapon does not necessarily need to be a firearm, e.g. crossbow, catapult)	1. Charge/Summons	Y
Murder	23/12/2015 02:05	23/12/2015 02:05	Springwell Rd, Leeds	Daria Pionko	21	Female	Kicking or Hitting etc without a weapon	1. Charge/Summons	N