

Homicides recorded by the Police in Northern Ireland in the 12 months March 2020 to February 2021 compared with the previous 12 months

	Mar'19 to Feb'20	Mar'20 to Feb'21
Murder	23	22
Manslaughter	4	1
Corporate Manslaughter	0	0
Infanticide	0	0
Homicide	27	23

Homicide by Gender

	Mar'19 to Feb'20	Mar'20 to Feb'21
Female	7	8
Male	20	15
All Homicides	27	23

Homicides with a domestic abuse motivation

	Mar'19 to Feb'20	Mar'20 to Feb'21
Female	4	7
Male	2	2
All Homicides with a domestic abuse motivation	6	9

Domestic Abuse Definition

The PSNI has adopted the definition of domestic violence and abuse as outlined in the 2016 Northern Ireland Government Strategy 'Stopping Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse in Northern Ireland' as:

'threatening, controlling, coercive behaviour, violence or abuse (psychological, virtual, physical, verbal, sexual, financial or emotional) inflicted on anyone (irrespective of age, ethnicity, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation or any form of disability) by a current or former intimate partner or family member'.

The following will assist in the application of this definition:

- (a) **'Incident'** means an incident anywhere and not confined to the home of one of the partners/family members;
- (b) **'Family members'** include mother, father, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandparents, whether directly or indirectly related, in-laws or stepfamily.
- (c) **'Intimate partners'** means there must have been a relationship with a degree of continuity and stability. The relationship must also have had (or reasonably supposed to have had) a sexual aspect, such as in the relationship between husband and wife or between others generally recognised as a couple including same sex couples.