

Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide crime statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria are set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the crime data. It should be noted that for these reasons this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.

ALL Recorded Offences where 'Facebook' or 'Twitter' was mentioned in MO notes

Year	TWITTER	FACEBOOK
2014	29	768
<i>Of which were sexual offences</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>85</i>

Please note that the data could include cases where the social media has been involved in the crime (e.g harassment on line) or in the investigation (e.g. offender found through online appeal).