

1. What is your forces' policy on using spit guards or hoods. If you do use them - what was the first date of their implementation?

**10. December 2017. The Chief Constable sanctioned the issue and use**

2. How many times have you recorded spit guards or hoods being used?

- Please divide the data by the individual's age, gender and ethnicity. If possible, can you also include in how many cases the individual had either known, or suspected, mental health problems?

The information you requested for January – March 2018 is available on the following website.

<http://foi.west-midlands.police.uk/use-of-force/>

3. If this is possible, please include the full list of complaints made against the police involving the use of spit hoods (including details).

**Our Professional Standards Department have one expression of dissatisfaction recorded. This was dealt with to the satisfaction of the complainant prior to the recording of a full complaint.**