

REQUEST

I am requesting the following information:

The number of referrals made to West Midlands Police concerning FGM in 2018 and in 2019.

2018 - 99

2019 - 64

The number of arrests made by West Midlands Police concerning FGM in 2018 and in 2019.

2018 - 7

2019 - 0

The data provided relates to all incidents recorded on the WMP CRIMES system which includes where a crime has been committed or a 'Non Crime' where there are concerns for a child, but no offences have been disclosed. The majority of these referrals are where an offence is not thought to have been committed, but there may either be a girl at risk of FGM and where there may be safeguarding opportunities. Safeguarding is a key priority for police along with the prosecution of offenders where an offence has been committed.