

The offences included in our answers to your request have been titled according to their Home Office classification.

## REQUEST

I am enquiring about the release of statistical information regarding “Stalking” cases within The West Midlands Police for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016.

### 1. Number of Stalking cases reported

Answer:

<i>Offence Title</i>	<i>Year Reported</i>		
	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>
Stalking Involving Fear Of Violence (8/65)	44	42	51
Stalking Involving Serious Alarm/Distress (8/66)	61	63	102
Pursue Course Of Conduct In Breach Of S1(1) Which Amounts To Stalking (195/12)	79	128	150
<b><i>Year Grand Totals</i></b>	184	233	303

### 2. Number of arrests and investigation of stalking cases

Answer:

\*Arrests data is gathered from a different database to the data provided in questions one and three.

The table below only relates to arrests made. All reported incidents of stalking recorded by the Force are subject to an investigation, which is initially conducted by the person that first receives the report. Following this, an escalated investigation will take place when necessary.

<i>Offence Title</i>	<i>Year Reported</i>		
	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>
Stalking Involving Fear Of Violence (8/65)	37	38	37
Stalking Involving Serious Alarm/Distress (8/66)	77	47	87
Pursue Course Of Conduct In Breach Of S1(1) Which Amounts To Stalking (195/12)	63	68	64
<b><i>Year Grand Totals</i></b>	177	153	188

### 3. Number of prosecutions/restraining orders related to stalking cases

Answer:

\*\*Please note, the table below relates to charge/summons actions only. We are unable to state how many restraining orders have been granted because this information is held by the court services. The figures provided in this table are in relation to the cases reported data from question one.

<b>Clear-Up/Outcome</b>	<b>Offence Title</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Charge/summons with Alternative Offence</b>	Stalking Involving Fear Of Violence (8/65)	0	0	7
	Stalking Involving Serious Alarm/Distress (8/66)	0	0	3
	Pursue Course Of Conduct In Breach Of S1(1) Which Amounts To Stalking (195/12)	0	0	11
<b>Year Totals for Outcome</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Postal Charge with Alternative Offence</b>	Stalking Involving Fear Of Violence (8/65)	0	0	0
	Stalking Involving Serious Alarm/Distress (8/66)	0	0	0
	Pursue Course Of Conduct In Breach Of S1(1) Which Amounts To Stalking (195/12)	0	0	2
<b>Year Totals for Outcome</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Charge</b>	Stalking Involving Fear Of Violence (8/65)	2	0	0
	Stalking Involving Serious Alarm/Distress (8/66)	5	0	0
	Pursue Course Of Conduct In Breach Of S1(1) Which Amounts To Stalking (195/12)	3	0	0
<b>Year Totals for Outcome</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Charge Or Summons</b>	Stalking Involving Fear Of Violence (8/65)	15	14	16
	Stalking Involving Serious Alarm/Distress (8/66)	15	16	23
	Pursue Course Of Conduct In Breach Of S1(1) Which Amounts To Stalking (195/12)	22	29	21
<b>Year Totals for Outcome</b>		<b>52</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Postal Charge</b>	Stalking Involving Fear Of Violence (8/65)	1	0	0
	Stalking Involving Serious Alarm/Distress (8/66)	0	1	1
	Pursue Course Of Conduct In Breach Of S1(1) Which Amounts To Stalking (195/12)	1	0	2
<b>Year Totals for Outcome</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Year Totals (All Outcomes)</b>		<b>64</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>86</b>