

Could you please provide your Force policy on the recording of ASB; this will include any guidance on recording, reporting, and dealing with ASB?

Could you please supply your policy Force on recording of harassment; this will include any policy on recording and dealing with ASB?

**West Midlands Police are victim focused and record all crimes under the National Crime Recording Standards principles:-**

**3.5 Victim Focused Recording:** NCRS promotes a victim focused approach to crime recording. The intention is that victims are believed and able to benefit from their statutory entitlements under the Code of Practice for Victims of Crime (CPVC). This advice ensures consistency of victim focus:

i            i. **No Victim - No Crime:** Where there are grounds to suspect that a 'victim related' crime i.e. a crime requiring victim confirmation may have taken place but no victim, (or person reasonably assumed to be acting on behalf of the victim), can immediately be found or identified, then subject to the exceptions identified at 3.6 (recording without victim confirmation), the matter must be recorded as a crime related incident until such time as the victim is located or comes forward to provide an account.

i            ii. **Unwilling Victims - Guidance:** Where apparent criminal activity comes to the attention of the police, and the victim confirms that a crime has taken place, but declines to support an investigation or prosecution a crime must still be recorded.

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**The following link is for the National Guidance on recording of Stalking and Harassment Offences which all Forces follow:-**

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/767781/count-violence-dec-2018.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/767781/count-violence-dec-2018.pdf)