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1. Do you have a record of cybercrime that are committed within your force?

Yes, West Midlands Police (WMP) record cyber enabled and cyber dependent crimes reported to us by members of the public and businesses/organisations.

Cyber enabled crime is defined as 'traditional' crimes, which can be increased in scale by use of information communications technology. For example, where a criminal uses account log in details stolen from a member of the public to transfer money in and out of their account without authorisation.

Cyber dependent crime is defined as crimes where a digital system is targeted by means of a criminal attack. For example, the use of a specially designed code to hack into a victim's computer to steal sensitive personal information such as account log in details and passwords.

This type of crime is reported via the National Fraud and Cybercrime Reporting Centre, Action Fraud. These reports are then assessed and disseminated to the relevant police force or agency for further investigation and victim safeguarding activity.

2. What offences related to cybercrime are recordable offences and non-recordable?

There are no specific offence(s) of cybercrime, aside from those specified in the Computer Misuse Act 1990. WMP only have record of those cybercrime offences that are recordable.

3. Are you able to provide a breakdown of the above offences showing the total number of offences recorded?

a) Those where the victim was under 16, 17/18 and over 18

b) What the conviction was including caution

c) Including the web platform if known such as Facebook, Instagram etc.

Please can the data be provided for 2017, 2018 and 2019 to end of July.

See following tables. These data were obtained using a specific marker that highlights those offences that are 'internet' enabled. This is the only mechanism we have to determine what offences might be cyber enabled:

Table 1

Offence	Year			Grand Total
	2017	2018	2019*	
Administer Noxious Thing W/I	0	0	1	1
Arrange Or Facilitate Travel Of Another Person With A View To Exploitation	1	0	0	1
Arranging Or Facilitating The Commission Of A Child Sex Offence	5	2	0	7
Assault Occasion ABH	10	9	9	28
Assault On A Female 13+ By Penetration	1	0	1	2
Assault On Female Child Under 13 By Penetration	0	1	0	1
Attempt Blackmail	1	0	0	1
Attempt To Arrange / Facilitate The Commission Of A Child Sex Offence	2	2	0	4
Blackmail	57	135	56	248

Breach Of Injunction Against Harassment 1997	0	4	5	9
Breach Of Non-Molestation Order	12	8	7	27
Breach Of Restraining Order	10	16	7	33
Burglary Dwelling	1	0	0	1
Cause Child U13 To Watch A Sexual Act - Offender U18	1	0	1	2
Cause Child U13 To Watch Sexual Act - Offender 18+	3	9	5	17
Cause Child U16 To Watch Sexual Act - Offender 18+	0	22	2	24
Cause Child U16 To Watch Sexual Act - Offender U18	0	1	5	6
Cause Female 16+ To Engage In Sexual Activity - No Penetration	2	2	0	4
Cause Female 16+ To Engage In Sexual Activity W/O Consent	0	2	1	3
Cause Female Child U13 To Engage In Sexual Activity	17	13	9	39
Cause Female Child U13 To Engage In Sexual Activity-Offender U18- No Penetration	3	5	3	11
Cause Female U13 Engage In Sexual Activity - No Penetration	23	36	19	78
Cause Female U16 To Engage In Sexual Activity - No Penetration - Offender 18+	22	64	42	128
Cause Female U16 To Engage In Sexual Activity - No Penetration - Offender U18	15	15	16	46
Cause GBH With Intent	1	0	1	2
Cause Int Harassment/Alarm/Distress	1	3	5	9
Cause Male 16+ To Engage In Sexual Activity - No Penetration	0	1	0	1
Cause Male Child U13 To Engage In Sexual Activity- Offender U18 - No Penetration	0	2	1	3
Cause Male Child U16 Sex. Activity-No Penetration-Offender U18	0	3	2	5
Cause Male U13 Engage In Sexual Activity	0	3	1	4
Cause Male U13 To Engage In Sexual Activity - No Penetration	2	2	0	4
Cause Male U16 To Engage In Sexual Activity - No Penetration - Offender 18+	5	6	8	19
Cause Sexual Activity Female Mental Patient - No Penetration	0	1	0	1
Cause Sexual Activity Female U16 - Offender 18+	9	9	11	29
Cause Sexual Activity Female U16 - Offender U18	5	7	4	16
Cause Sexual Activity Male U16 - Offender 18+	2	14	17	33
Cause Sexual Activity Male U16 - Offender U18	0	0	1	1
Cause/Incite Child Prostitution Or Pornography 13-17	3	0	1	4
Causing Or Inciting Child Prostitution Or Pornography U13	1	0	0	1
Commit Offence Other Than Kidnap/False Imprison. W/I To Commit Human Trafficking	1	0	0	1
Common Assault	4	4	10	18
Criminal Damage To Dwelling	3	0	0	3

Disclose Private Sexual Photographs And Films With Intent To Cause Distress	32	61	57	150
Distribute Indec Photo Of Child	22	28	23	73
Engage In Controlling/Coercive Behaviour In An Intimate/Family Relationship	2	0	2	4
Engage In Sexual Activity In Presence Of Child U13 - Offender 18+	0	1	0	1
Engage In Sexual Communication With A Child	4	16	17	37
Exposure	0	1	0	1
False Imprisonment	0	0	1	1
Fear/Provocation Of Violence	0	2	3	5
Harassment	132	411	452	995
Harassment/Alarm Or Distress	1	2	0	3
Incitement To Distribute Child Pornography	0	1	0	1
Inflicting GBH Without Intent	0	1	1	2
Intimidate Or Intend Intimidate Witness In Civil (Non Criminal) Proceedings	1	0	0	1
Intimidate Witness / Juror	2	4	0	6
Kidnapping	0	1	0	1
Make False Statement To Obtain Insurance	0	1	0	1
Make Indecent Photograph Of Child	2	3	0	5
Make Off W/O Payment	0	1	0	1
Malicious Wounding	2	4	0	6
Meeting A Female U16 Following Sexual Grooming, Offender 18+	5	5	0	10
Meeting A Male U16 Following Sexual Grooming, Offender 18+	1	1	0	2
Other Criminal Damage	0	2	1	3
Pass Counterfeit Currency Note-Genuine	0	0	1	1
Possess F/Arm W/I Cause Fear Violence	0	0	1	1
Possess Ind Photo Child Distribution	1	0	1	2
Possess Indecent Photo/Pseudo Photo Of Child	0	1	1	2
Publish Threat/Abuse Material Racial Hatred	1	0	0	1
Pursue Course Of Conduct In Breach Of S1(1) Which Amounts To Stalking	8	20	3	31
Putting People In Fear Of Violence	4	6	7	17
Racially/Religiously Aggravated Harassment With Fear Of Violence	0	0	2	2
Racially/Religiously Aggravated Harassment Without Violence S2	6	3	3	12
Racially/Religiously Aggravated Harassment, Alarm Or Distress S5	1	0	0	1
Racially/Religiously Aggravated Intentional Harassment, Alarm Or Distress	0	0	1	1
Racially/Religiously Aggravated S47 Assault And Malicious Wounding	1	0	0	1
Rape Of Female 16 Or Over	8	1	2	11

Rape Of Female Child Aged 13-15	6	2	0	8
Rape Of Female Child Under 13 By A Male	0	1	2	3
Rape Of Male Child Aged 13-15	0	0	1	1
Robbery-Personal Property	3	1	2	6
Send Communication/Article Conveying A Threatening Message	365	672	624	1,661
Send Communication/Article Conveying False Information	34	104	70	208
Send Communication/Article Conveying Indecent/Grossly Offensive Message	132	309	197	638
Send Communication/Article Whole/Part Of An Indecent/Grossly Offensive Nature	15	48	43	106
Sexual Activity With Female Child U13 - No Penetration - Offender U18	0	0	1	1
Sexual Activity With Female Child U16 - No Penetration - Offender 18 Or Over	0	1	1	2
Sexual Activity With Female Child U16 - No Penetration - Offender U18	1	3	1	5
Sexual Activity With Female U13 - Offender Under18	0	1	0	1
Sexual Activity With Female U16 - Offender 18+ Penetration	2	0	0	2
Sexual Activity With Female U16 - Offender U18	1	1	1	3
Sexual Activity With Male U16 - Offender U18	1	0	1	2
Sexual Assault On A Female 13 Or Over	5	3	5	13
Sexual Assault On A Male 13+	0	2	0	2
Stalking Involving Fear Of Violence	4	4	1	9
Stalking Involving Serious Alarm/Distress	2	9	2	13
Theft By Employee	1	0	0	1
Theft Dwelling Not Machine/Meter	5	0	3	8
Theft From Auto Mach/Meter	0	1	0	1
Theft Of Motor Vehicle	1	1	0	2
Theft Of P/Cycle	0	1	0	1
Theft Other	4	7	4	15
Threaten Damage Own Prop Endanger Life	0	1	1	2
Threaten Person With A Blade/Sharply Pointed Article In A Public Place	1	0	0	1
Threaten To Damage Property	7	26	23	56
Threaten Witness / Juror	0	5	1	6
Threats To Kill	4	22	24	50
Voyeurism	0	1	1	2
Wilfully Assault Young Person Under 16	1	0	2	3
Grand Total	1,054	2,204	1,841	5,099

Table 2

Year	Age of Victim				Grand Total
	Blank	16 and Under	17/18	19 and Over	
2017	14	310	61	669	1,054
2018	36	540	170	1,458	2,204

2019*	33	486	124	1,198	1,841
Grand Total	83	1,336	355	3,325	5,099

Table 3

Outcome	Year			Grand Total
	2017	2018	2019*	
(blank)	3	44	232	279
Adult Caution (Alt Offence)	3	3	1	7
Caution - Adult	13	18	4	35
Caution - Youth	4	0	0	4
Charge	41	51	29	121
Charge / Summons (Alt Offence)	13	13	3	29
Community Resolution	34	55	24	113
Filed, no Susp, no further enq	409	1,048	779	2,236
Further non-Police Action	14	10	15	39
Not Public Interest CPS	0	0	5	5
Not Public Interest Police	10	39	16	65
Offender Died	0	0	1	1
Postal Charge	19	13	4	36
Postal Charge (Alt Offence)	2	3	1	6
Susp ID: No Victim Support	233	438	360	1,031
Susp ID: Not in public interest	19	31	16	66
Susp ID: Oth Evidential Difficulty	214	372	309	895
Susp ID: Susp too Ill	0	1	2	3
Susp ID: Vict Evidential Difficulty	22	65	40	127
Youth Caution (Alt Offence)	1	0	0	1
Grand Total	1,054	2,204	1,841	5,099

Table 4

Platform	Year			Grand Total
	2017	2018	2019*	
Facebook	659	1,214	927	2,800
Instagram	180	474	465	1,119
Online	61	173	135	369
Snapchat	134	300	287	721
Twitter	20	43	27	90
Grand Total	1,054	2,204	1,841	5,099

*To end July 2019

4. What support is there for parents of children after their child has been victim to cybercrime?

See 5 below

5. What advice is provided to victims of cybercrime?

There is no specific advice tailored towards parents, the advice that is provided in line with National guidance provided by the National Cyber Crime Security Centre (NCSC) is as follows.

The advice that is provided is geared towards the victim's circumstances, although there is some general advice that is suitable for all members of the public.

- Password protection – ensuring that passwords are not disclosed to others and are strong
- To avoid clicking on links contained within anonymous/ unsolicited emails and text messages. To set up two factor authentication on all eligible account – social media and mobile banking.
- Ensure that software and security updates are performed when available – this will improve security through bug fixes. Avoid using Public Wi-Fi for personal matters – these are insecure and can be easily cloned so that the user thinks they are using a genuine network.
- Give advice for the use of Virtual Private Networks (VPN) and anti-virus and anti-spyware – VPN offers protection by hiding your details when using the web, whilst anti –virus/ anti-spyware help defend your system from attacks.
- As well as signposting to partner agencies such as Action Fraud, NCSC, Get Safe Online and various others.

In relation to vulnerable victims there is also the Economic Crime Victim Care Unit (ECVCU) who offers support and advice for vulnerable victims of fraud and cybercrime. For examples those victims who have been subject of Romance fraud (which is typically cyber enabled) and Cyber Bullying/ harassment.

The following is a list of useful websites that are sent out to victims of crime which cover all of the above - this is not an exhaustive list.

www.cyberstreetwise.com

www.getsafeonline.org/online-safety-and-security/

www.actionfraud.police.uk/a-z_of_fraud

www.cert.gov.uk/resources/external-content/useful-links/

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/>

6. What budget is allocated to cyber crime?

This information is not held – There is no separately identifiable budget for the whole end to end process of the receipt, assessment and investigation of cybercrime including protect advice to victims.

7. What advice is given to the public for cybercrime awareness and privacy?

See 8 below

8. Is your police force linked to any others to tackle, prevent cybercrime and promote children's safety online?

Links to regional cybercrime units including prevent and protect officers to deliver online safety messages. In addition there are links with Action Fraud and the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) as well as the National Cyber Security Centre who coordinate the national approach with regards to promoting awareness of current crime trends. This is regionalised in order to provide appropriate advice in line with the national program.