

## West Midlands Police – Freedom Information Request 277/20

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### FOI Ref 277-20 - Rape / Drug related Crime

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*The number of reports/allegations made by males claiming they were drugged and raped in the three years from January 2017.*

Month/Year	Number
Mar-17	1
Apr-17	1
Jul-17	2
Oct-17	1
Nov-17	1
Dec-17	1
Jan-18	1
Mar-18	1
Jun-18	2
Jul-18	2
Aug-18	3
Sep-18	1
Jan-19	3
Apr-19	1
May-19	1
Jul-19	2
Aug-19	1
Oct-19	2
Dec-19	1
Jan-20	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>

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*Details held of all those allegations?*

**Exempt as detailed below:**

### **Section 40 (2) Personal Data**

Section 40 (2) allows for personal data to be withheld where release would breach the third party's data protection rights. It would be unfair to release this information where any person could be identified from the data and in this case the right to privacy outweighs any public interest in release. Section 40 is an absolute and class based exemption, and to reveal further detail regarding these incidents could potentially identify an individual and is therefore exempt by section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

### **Section 30(1) Investigation and proceedings conducted by the public authority**

The section 30 exemption applies to a specific category of information that a public authority currently holds or has ever held for the purposes of criminal investigations.

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*The number of arrests in cases of this nature and the number of charges?*

<b>Outcome Description of those arrested in Question 1</b>	<b>Number</b>
EVIDENTIAL DIFFICULTIES VICTIM BASED - NAMED SUSPECT NOT IDENTIFIED: THE CRIME IS CONFIRMED BUT THE VICTIM EITHER DECLINES OR IS UNABLE TO SUPPORT FURTHER POLICE INVESTGATION TO IDENTIFY THE OFFENDER	4
INVESTIGATION COMPLETE: NO SUSPECT IDENTIFIED. CRIME INVESTGATED AS FAR AS REASONABLY POSSIBLE - CASE CLOSED PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATIVE OPPORTUNITIES BECOMING AVAILABLE	11
NAMED SUSPECT IDENTIFIED: EVIDENTIAL DIFFICULTIES PREVENT FURTHER ACTION: VICTIM DOES NOT SUPPORT (OR HAS WITHDRAWN SUPPORT FROM) POLICE ACTION	5
NAMED SUSPECT IDENTIFIED: VICTIM SUPPORTS POLICE ACTION BUT EVIDENTIAL DIFFICULTIES PREVENT FURTHER ACTION	3
No Disposal Entered	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>

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*All incidents/reports/allegations logged containing the word GHB and the nature of the complaint -ages of those charged?*

Our data are not organised in such a way as to allow us to provide this information within the appropriate (cost) limit within the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act. The threshold to do a manual search of all crime reports for the word or phrase “GHB” (as it may have been in MO as gamma-Hydroxybutyric acid) would exceed cost. The MO search “keyword” GHB has brought back no results. So potentially we may have the information but not in a retrievable format. It may need the evaluation of booked in drugs from each crime to identify what drug it was.