

REQUEST

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information about your force's use of section 1 of the Malicious Communications Act 1988 and section 127 of the Communications Act 2003:

A) How many reports of Malicious and Offensive Communications have been made to your force in the policing year 2020/21 where the victims have been under the age of 18? By malicious and offensive communications I am interested in distressing, offensive or threatening communications sent via text or social media, cyber-bullying/trolling, virtual mobbing, cyberstalking and online harassment.

Offence Title	Total
Send communication/article conveying a threatening message	1023
Send communication/article conveying indecent/grossly offensive message	281
Send communication/article whole/part of an indecent/grossly offensive nature	46
Disclose private sexual photographs and films with intent to cause distress	21
Send communication/article conveying false information	20
Total	1391

B) How many reports of Malicious and Offensive Communications have been made to your force in the policing year 2019/20 where the victims have been under the age of 18? By malicious and offensive communications I am interested in distressing, offensive or threatening communications sent via text or social media, cyber-bullying/trolling, virtual mobbing, cyberstalking and online harassment.

Offence Title	Total
Send communication/article conveying a threatening message	1445
Send communication/article conveying indecent/grossly offensive message	514
Send communication/article whole/part of an indecent/grossly offensive nature	91
Send communication/article conveying false information	64
Disclose private sexual photographs and films with intent to cause distress	19
Total	2133