

- 1) Please could I kindly request statistics for the number of calls received by West Midlands Police annually over the last 5 years which turned out to be false malicious calls?

Please be advised that during the requested time period (03/03/2020), WMP implemented a force-wide change in recording systems. Data prior to this date has been retrieved from our old system and data after this date has been retrieved from our current system.

Number of calls received for the last five years which turned out to be False and Malicious	
Year	Total
2016	3,935
2017	4,626
2018	5,336
2019	5,050
2020	691
2021	1,321

- 2) And how many of the calls (if not all) were attended to by the Police i.e. officers needed to be dispatched. I would be grateful if you could breakdown the type of call received e.g. drugs reported, firearm reported, wanted people reported etc.

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Table 1 (2020 data runs up until 03/03/2020)

Number of 'False and Malicious' calls where officers were required to attend, broken down by type of call received						
Type of Call	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
ALCOHOL	111	64	54	55	5	289
ALCOHOL ASB NUISANCE	1	-	-	-	-	1

ALCOHOL DRUGS	1	-	-	2	-	3
ALCOHOL FIREARMS WEAPONS	-	-	1	-	-	1
ALCOHOL MENTAL HEALTH	2	2	1	2	-	7
ALCOHOL MENTAL HEALTH VULNERABLE ADULT	-	1	-	-	-	1
ALCOHOL PERSISTENT CALLER	1	-	1	1	-	3
ALCOHOL VULNERABLE ADULT	-	1	-	-	-	1
ALCOHOL WEAPONS	-	1	-	-	-	1
ALCOHOL YOUTH RELATED	1	1	1	-	-	3
ASB NUISANCE	60	61	53	34	9	217
ASB NUISANCE ALCOHOL	2	-	2	2	-	6
ASB NUISANCE ALCOHOL DRUGS	-	1	-	-	-	1
ASB NUISANCE ALCOHOL PERSISTENT CALLER	1	-	-	-	-	1
ASB NUISANCE ALCOHOL WEAPONS	-	1	-	-	-	1
ASB NUISANCE ASSISTANCE TO O/PUBLIC AGENCY	1	-	-	-	-	1
ASB NUISANCE DRUGS	-	-	1	-	-	1
ASB NUISANCE FIREARMS	2	2	-	-	-	4
ASB NUISANCE MENTAL HEALTH	-	1	1	1	-	3
ASB NUISANCE PERSISTENT CALLER	1	1	-	-	-	2
ASB NUISANCE WEAPONS	2	1	-	-	-	3
ASB NUISANCE YOUTH RELATED	6	6	9	5	-	26

ASB PERSONAL	18	6	14	6	2	46
ASB PERSONAL ALCOHOL	-	-	1	-	-	1
ASSISTANCE TO O/PUBLIC AGENCY	10	1	5	3	-	19
ASSISTANCE TO O/PUBLIC AGENCY ALCOHOL	1	-	-	-	-	1
ASSISTANCE TO O/PUBLIC AGENCY FIREARMS	-	-	1	-	-	1
ASSISTANCE TO O/PUBLIC AGENCY MENTAL HEALTH	-	1	-	-	-	1
ASSISTANCE TO O/PUBLIC AGENCY MENTAL HEALTH PERSISTENT CALLER	-	-	-	1	-	1
DOMESTIC ABUSE	2	1	22	18	3	46
DOMESTIC ABUSE ALCOHOL	-	-	-	1	-	1
DRUGS	18	21	12	17	1	69
DRUGS ASB NUISANCE	-	1	-	-	-	1
DRUGS ASSISTANCE TO O/PUBLIC AGENCY	1	-	-	-	-	1
DRUGS MENTAL HEALTH	-	-	1	-	-	1
DRUGS WEAPONS	-	1	-	-	-	1
DRUGS WEAPONS FIREARMS	-	-	1	-	-	1
FIREARMS	59	59	44	48	7	217
FIREARMS ASB NUISANCE	1	-	-	-	-	1
FIREARMS ASSISTANCE TO O/PUBLIC AGENCY	-	1	-	-	-	1
FIREARMS DRUGS MENTAL HEALTH	-	-	-	1	-	1
FIREARMS VULNERABLE CHILD/YOUNG PERSON	1	-	-	-	-	1

FIREARMS WEAPONS	2	-	2	2	-	6
FIREARMS WEAPONS YOUTH RELATED	1	-	1	-	-	2
FIREARMS YOUTH RELATED	-	1	-	-	-	1
FIREARMS YOUTH RELATED ASSISTANCE TO O/PUBLIC AGENCY	-	1	-	-	-	1
FORCED MARRIAGE/HONOUR VIOLENC	1	-	1	-	-	2
HATE-RELIGION	1	-	-	-	-	1
HATE-SEXUAL ORIENTATION	-	-	-	-	1	1
HIGHWAYS AGENCY	-	-	1	-	-	1
MENTAL HEALTH	62	48	47	38	7	202
MENTAL HEALTH ALCOHOL	2	4	3	5	-	14
MENTAL HEALTH DRUGS	1	2	1	-	-	4
MENTAL HEALTH DRUGS ALCOHOL	-	-	1	-	-	1
MENTAL HEALTH PERSISTENT CALLER	2	3	2	-	-	7
MENTAL HEALTH VULNERABLE ADULT	7	6	2	4	1	20
MENTAL HEALTH VULNERABLE ADULT PERSISTENT CALLER	1	-	-	-	-	1
MENTAL HEALTH VULNERABLE CHILD/YOUNG PERSON	-	-	1	-	-	1
MENTAL HEALTH YOUTH RELATED	1	-	-	-	-	1
NONE	1,927	1,759	1,504	1,570	283	7,043
NONE ALCOHOL	-	1	-	-	-	1
NONE YOUTH RELATED	-	-	-	1	-	1

PERSISTENT CALLER	6	5	7	3	-	21
PERSISTENT CALLER ALCOHOL	1	1	-	1	-	3
PERSISTENT CALLER MENTAL HEALTH	2	1	-	-	-	3
PERSISTENT CALLER MENTAL HEALTH WEAPONS	-	1	-	-	-	1
VULNERABLE ADULT	7	1	5	2	1	16
VULNERABLE ADULT MENTAL HEALTH	2	-	-	-	-	2
VULNERABLE CHILD/YOUNG PERSON	25	15	14	10	1	65
VULNERABLE CHILD/YOUNG PERSON ASSISTANCE TO O/PUBLIC AGENCY	-	-	1	-	-	1
VULNERABLE CHILD/YOUNG PERSON DOMESTIC ABUSE	-	-	-	1	-	1
VULNERABLE CHILD/YOUNG PERSON DRUGS	-	2	2	1	-	5
VULNERABLE CHILD/YOUNG PERSON DRUGS ALCOHOL	-	-	-	1	-	1
VULNERABLE CHILD/YOUNG PERSON WEAPONS	-	-	-	1	-	1
VULNERABLE CHILD/YOUNG PERSON YOUTH RELATED	-	-	-	1	-	1
WEAPONS	54	38	40	56	11	199
WEAPONS ALCOHOL	2	1	1	-	-	4
WEAPONS ASSISTANCE TO O/PUBLIC AGENCY	-	1	-	-	-	1

WEAPONS FIREARMS	2	2	-	1	-	5
WEAPONS MENTAL HEALTH	-	2	-	1	-	3
WEAPONS PERSISTENT CALLER	2	-	-	-	-	2
WEAPONS PERSISTENT CALLER ALCOHOL MENTAL HEALTH	-	-	-	1	-	1
WEAPONS PERSISTENT CALLER MENTAL HEALTH	-	2	-	-	-	2
WEAPONS YOUTH RELATED	1	1	-	-	-	2
WEAPONS YOUTH RELATED MENTAL HEALTH	-	1	-	-	-	1
YOUTH RELATED	92	74	54	53	7	280
YOUTH RELATED ALCOHOL	1	-	-	-	-	1
YOUTH RELATED ASB NUISANCE	-	1	-	-	-	1
YOUTH RELATED ASB PERSONAL	1	-	-	-	-	1
YOUTH RELATED ASSISTANCE TO O/PUBLIC AGENCY	1	-	-	1	-	2
YOUTH RELATED DRUGS	-	-	-	1	1	2
YOUTH RELATED FIREARMS	1	2	-	-	-	3
YOUTH RELATED MENTAL HEALTH	1	-	-	-	-	1
YOUTH RELATED VULNERABLE CHILD/YOUNG PERSON	1	2	-	1	-	4
YOUTH RELATED WEAPONS	1	-	-	1	-	2
Total	2,514	2,214	1,915	1,954	340	8,937

Table 2 (data runs from 03/03/20 - 31/12/2020)

Number of calls titled 'Call Made with Malicious Intent' where officers were required to attend, broken down by type of call received		
Type Of Call	2020	Total
Admin - Advice Given	78	78
Admin - Cancel/Exit/Error	12	12
Admin - Intelligence	1	1
Admin - Police generated Resolution	12	12
ASB - Environmental	14	14
ASB - Nuisance	35	35
ASB - Personal	7	7
Child Abuse- Non Crime	2	2
CRIME - Assault	1	1
CRIME - Burglary (Business)	1	1
CRIME - Burglary (Residential)	1	1
CRIME - Criminal Damage	2	2
CRIME - Firearms/Weapons	6	6
CRIME - Public Order	3	3
CRIME - Rape	2	2
CRIME - Robbery	1	1
CRIME - Stalking and Harassment	21	21
Dangerous Dog	1	1
Duplicate	1	1
P9 - Forensics (FIRST / SOCO)	1	1
PSW - Abandoned Call	38	38
PSW - Civil Dispute	2	2
PSW - Concern for Safety	389	389
PSW - Domestic Incident (NON- CRIME)	12	12
PSW - Hoax Call	75	75
PSW - Licensing	1	1
PSW - Suspicious Activity/Premises/Vehicle	167	167
PSW - Suspicious Package	1	1
Task - Arrest	1	1
TRANSPORT - Highway Disruption	1	1
TRANSPORT - Road Related Offence	1	1
TRANSPORT - RTC - Damage Only	3	3
Total	893	893