

Please can you disclose how many people were arrested for alleged offences under Section 1 of the Malicious Communications Act 1988 in the years 2010 to 2020 in the area under your administration, providing separate figures for each year? The Home Office code 8/72 appears to be linked to this offence, which might assist your search.

| Year | Total |
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| 2015 | 124 |
| 2016 | 531 |
| 2017 | 502 |
| 2018 | 501 |
| 2019 | 579 |
| 2020 | 713 |

Please note: The figures of arrests recorded under code 8/72 are only available from April 2015. Prior to April 2015 those offences have been recorded under different codes, we have only included those with 8/72.