Freedom of Information

1. Broken down into local policing unit areas, can you confirm how many people (broken down into men and women) are on the Sex Offenders' Register across the West Midlands right now? How does this compare to the number on the same date (or whatever comparable date is possible to use) in 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017?

To provide all of the information requested would exceed the appropriate limit under the FOI Act. Please see covering letter for further details.

However, please find below the total number of RSOs managed in each of the requested years. We are only able to break 2022 data down into male and female.

YEAR	Male	Female
2022 (as at 22/02/22)	4,585	57

2021 = 4,620 2020 = 4,581 2019 = 4,540 2018 = 4,295 2017 = 4,171

NB This includes those currently in custody

1a: How many breaches of the Sex Offenders' Register have been recorded in 2017-18; 20218-19; 2019-20; 2020-21; 2021-22.

Offence Title	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Total
Failure to comply with (Sexual Offence) Notification Order	412	315	396	268	286	1,677
Fail to Comply with Notification of changes requirement	9	9	0	0	0	18
Fail to Comply with the Periodic Notification requirement	4	5	0	0	0	9
Fail to Comply with requirement to notify travel outside UK	8	9	0	0	0	17
Total	433	338	396	268	286	1,721

2. Broken down into local policing unit areas, can you confirm how many people (broken down into men and women) are subject to a Sexual Harm Prevention Order across the West Midlands?

To provide all of the information requested would exceed the appropriate limit under the FOI Act. Please see covering letter for further details.

However, please see below figures broken down into male and female.

YEAR	Male	Female
2022 (as at 22/02/22)	2036	16

NB This includes those currently in custody

2a: How many breaches of SHPOs have been recorded in 2017-18; 20218-19; 2019-20; 2020-21; 2021-22.

Offence Title	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Total
Attempted - Breach a sexual risk order / risk of harm order etc. or fail to						
comply with requirement under Sec 122 c (4)	0	0	0	0	4	4
Breach a sexual risk order / risk of harm order etc. or fail to comply with						
requirement under Sec 122 c (4)	32	30	33	49	26	112
Total	32	30	33	49	30	174

3. Broken down into local policing unit areas, can you confirm how many people (broken down into men and women) are subject to a Sexual Risk Order across the West Midlands?

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However, please see below figures broken down into male and female.

14/03/2022

YEAR	Male	Female
2022 (as at 22/02/22)	17	2

NB This includes those currently in custody

3a: How many breaches of SROs have been recorded in 2017-18; 20218-19; 2019-20; 2020-21; 2021-22.

Offence Title	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Total
Attempted - Breach SHPO / interim SHPO / SOPO / interim SOPO / Foreign travel order or fail to comply with a requirement under Sec 103D (4) SOA						
2003	0	0	0	0	3	3
Breach Sexual Harm Prevention Order (SHPO) Sentencing Act 2020 Sec						
354 (1) (4)	0	0	0	0	41	41
Breach SHPO / interim SHPO / SOPO / interim SOPO / Foreign travel order						
or fail to comply with a requirement under Sec 103D (4)	20	30	52	50	41	151
Total	20	30	52	50	85	237

4. How many staff are in the force's public protection unit responsible for overseeing sexual offenders and the SHRO and SRO registers, now, and compared to 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021.

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5. What is the force's policy on monitoring, supervising and supporting sex offenders?

We have been advised the following by the Central Integrated Offender Management team:

We as a Central IOM function provide all the Sex Offender Management teams a monthly performance document which details how they are performing against National guidance which is what we are measured on.

I can confirm that the Force are investing in supporting the Sex Offender Management teams and using the Central Integrated Offender Management team to provide consistency, identify and share best practice across the Force.

6. Does the force have any statement or qualifying comments to add about its monitoring, supervision and support for sex offenders and anyone concerned about the effectiveness of monitoring processes.

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