

Request Reference: 954A/22

**1: The total number of cyberstalking incidents recorded per calendar year from 2017 to 2021. Please provide an annual breakdown. If you can get 2022 data, can we have a breakdown of the first 6 months? For clarification, if you can use the 'online' tag and these offences: Stalking, Harassment, Malicious communications, Controlling and coercive behaviour.**

TABLE1:

Offence	Year						Grand Total
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*	
Attempted - Disclose Or Threats To Disclose Private Sexual Photographs/Film With Intent To Cause Distress	0	0	0	0	4	2	6
Attempted - Harassment - Breach Of A Restraining Order	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Attempted - Harassment - Putting People In Fear Of Violence	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Attempted - Harassment - Stalking Involving Serious Alarm/Distress	0	0	0	0	3	1	4
Attempted - Sending Letters Etc With Intent To Cause Distress Or Anxiety	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
Breach Of Injunction Against Harassment 1997	2	8	8	0	0	0	18
Cause Int Harassment/Alarm/Distress	6	5	8	0	0	0	19
Disclose Or Threats To Disclose Private Sexual Photographs/Film With Intent To Cause Distress	0	0	0	0	339	361	700
Engage In Controlling/Coercive Behaviour In An Intimate / Family Relationship.	0	0	7	39	247	185	478
Engage In Controlling/Coercive Behaviour In An Intimate/Family Relationship	5	4	12	0	0	0	21
Harassment	244	683	1,421	2,471	5,203	2,501	12,523
Harassment - Breach Of A Restraining Order	0	0	29	66	122	91	308

Harassment - Breach Of Conditions Of Injunction Against Harassment	0	0	1	16	10	2	29
Harassment - Pursue Course Of Conduct In Breach Of Sec 1 (1) Which Amounts To Stalking	0	0	15	564	1,801	1,103	3,483
Harassment - Putting People In Fear Of Violence	0	0	15	40	812	843	1,710
Harassment - Stalking Involving Fear Of Violence	0	0	5	45	287	132	469
Harassment - Stalking Involving Serious Alarm/Distress	0	0	9	59	447	288	803
Harassment Etc. Of A Person In His Home	0	0	0	0	4	9	13
Harassment/Alarm Or Distress	2	6	1	0	0	0	9
Pursue Course Of Conduct In Breach Of S1(1) Which Amounts To Stalking	20	26	9	0	0	0	55
Racially/Religiously Aggravated Harassment With Fear Of Violence	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Racially/Religiously Aggravated Harassment Without Violence S2	11	10	5	0	0	0	26
Racially/Religiously Aggravated Harassment, Alarm Or Distress S5	2	0	1	0	0	0	3
Racially/Religiously Aggravated Intentional Harassment, Alarm Or Distress	2	3	1	0	0	0	6
Send Communication/Article Conveying A Threatening Message	657	1,055	817	0	0	0	2,529
Send Communication/Article Conveying False Information	58	135	85	0	0	0	278
Send Communication/Article Conveying Indecent/Grossly Offensive Message	240	454	290	0	0	0	984

Send Communication/Article Whole/Part Of An Indecent/Grossly Offensive Nature	34	83	58	0	0	0	175
Sending Letters Etc With Intent To Cause Distress Or Anxiety	0	0	1,443	4,454	9,729	5,438	21,064
Stalking Involving Fear Of Violence	4	8	4	0	0	0	16
Stalking Involving Serious Alarm/Distress	4	19	12	0	0	0	35
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,291</b>	<b>2,499</b>	<b>4,257</b>	<b>7,754</b>	<b>19,012</b>	<b>10,958</b>	<b>45,771</b>

**2: Where possible, provide detail on each recorded incident (e.g harassment, stalking, stalking involving serious alarm/distress). For clarification, if you can give detail on offence type e.g. harassment. If you can get 2022 data, can we have a breakdown of the first 6 months? Please provide annual breakdown as per Q1**

See TABLE1 above

**3: The number of cyberstalking incidents in which the perpetrator(s) is identified, per calendar year from 2017 to 2021. If you can get 2022 data, can we have a breakdown of the first 6 months? Please provide annual breakdown as per Q1**

**TABLE2:**

Role Type	Year						Grand Total
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*	
Defendant	167	191	89	0	0	0	447
Suspect	678	1,212	2,295	4,387	10,071	4,994	23,637
Suspect (Insufficient To Proceed)	0	0	42	7	55	33	137
Suspect (Interviewed)	0	0	108	259	1,329	787	2,483
Suspect (No Action) Evidential Diff.	0	0	0	9	1,098	1,756	2,863
Suspect (No Action) Time Limit Expired	0	0	0	0	10	0	10
Suspect (Not Interviewed)	0	0	0	0	211	147	358
Suspect (Prosecution Prevented)	0	0	0	0	4	10	14
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>1,403</b>	<b>2,534</b>	<b>4,662</b>	<b>12,778</b>	<b>7,727</b>	<b>29,949</b>

**4: The number of individuals that have reported cyberstalking offences to your police force, per calendar year from 2017 to 2021. If you can get 2022 data, can we have a breakdown of the first 6 months? Please provide annual breakdown as per Q1**

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 (see 'Reason for Decision' on the attached covering letter).

**5: Please provide details relating to the outcome of the perpetrator referenced in Q3 (e.g charge, caution, fixed penalty, resolution). This information should be broken down per calendar year from 2017 to 2021 as per Q1. If you can get 2022 data, can we have a breakdown of the first 6 months?**

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 (see 'Reason for Decision' on the attached covering letter). However, in order to assist in providing you with data you might find useful, I have instead provided a breakdown of the offences from TABLE1 above by Outcome (see following table)

**TABLE3:**

Outcome Description	Year						Grand Total
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*	
Adult Caution With Alternative Offence	5	1	0	0	0	0	6
Caution - Adult (Inc Conditional Caution)	25	16	11	0	0	0	52
Caution – Adult (Inc Conditional Caution)	0	0	20	41	57	33	151
Caution - Youth (Inc Conditional Caution)	2	2	1	10	3	1	19
Charge	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Charge Or Summons	43	54	76	98	161	57	489
Charge/Summons With Alternative Offence	21	12	4	0	0	0	37
Community Resolution	55	73	68	99	120	41	456
Diversionsary, Educational Or Intervention Activity, Resulting From The Crime Report, Has Been Undertaken And It Is Not In The Public Interest To Take Any Further Action	0	0	0	0	6	1	7
Evidential Difficulties - Victim Based - Named Suspect Not Identified	0	0	40	136	563	821	1,560
Evidential Difficulties Victim Based - Named Suspect Not Identified: The Crime Is Confirmed But The Victim Either Declines Or Is Unable To Support Further Police Investigation To Identify The Offender	28	70	41	0	0	0	139
Formal Action Against The Offender Is Not In The Public Interest (Police)	0	0	41	5	2	0	48
Further Action Will Be Taken By Another Body	0	0	19	64	106	56	245
Investigation Complete: No Suspect Identified	0	0	879	3,131	5,930	2,198	12,138

Investigation Complete: No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible - Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available	459	988	821	0	0	0	2,268
Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action (No Victim Support)	0	0	658	2,218	7,435	4,747	15,058
Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action (Victim Support)	0	0	521	1,916	4,348	2,215	9,000
Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action	338	662	552	0	0	0	1,552
Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action	279	517	441	0	0	0	1,237
Other Agency Takes Primacy	5	6	9	0	0	0	20
Postal Charge	7	23	8	0	0	0	38
Postal Charge With Alternative Offence	4	5	7	4	0	0	20
Prosecution Prevented - Named Suspect Identified But Is Too Ill (Physical Or Mental Health) To Prosecute	0	2	3	0	0	0	5
Prosecution Prevented – Named Suspect Identified But Is Too Ill (Physical Or Mental Health) To Prosecute	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Prosecution Time Limit Expired: Suspect Identified But Prosecution Time Limit Has Expired	0	0	0	0	9	0	9
Public Interest, Police Decision	6	4	7	0	0	0	17
Sufficient Evidence To Charge, But Police Decided Not In The Public Interest To Prosecute	12	63	18	0	0	0	93
Suspect Identified, But Not In The Public Interest For Police To Investigate	0	0	7	5	6	1	19
The Offender Has Died (All Offences)	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
Youth Caution With Alternative Offence	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Blank	2	0	3	26	263	787	1,081
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,291</b>	<b>2,499</b>	<b>4,257</b>	<b>7,754</b>	<b>19,012</b>	<b>10,958</b>	<b>45,771</b>

**6. Breakdown of towns and cities data for all questions. I know not all the police forces have cities so please breakdown into towns if this is the case.**

TABLE4:

Neighbourhood Policing Unit	Year						Grand Total
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*	
Birmingham East	232	471	810	1,560	3,677	2,152	8,902
Birmingham West	268	486	920	1,623	3,871	2,364	9,532
Coventry	136	286	443	919	2,305	1,150	5,239
Dudley	136	289	431	738	1,745	998	4,337
Sandwell	147	309	535	912	2,329	1,363	5,595
Solihull	74	136	246	398	1,047	664	2,565
Walsall	161	273	473	803	1,832	1,038	4,580
Wolverhampton	137	249	399	799	1,921	1,102	4,607
Blank	0	0	0	2	285	127	414
Grand Total	1,291	2,499	4,257	7,754	19,012	10,958	45,771

**7. Breakdown of age and gender for all questions.**

Please note, as it is not possible to determine the number of individuals that have reported cyberstalking offences (see q4 above), I have instead provided tables (see as follows) showing the Age and Gender of identified suspects/defendants as per TABLE2 above.

TABLE5:

Age Range	Year						Grand Total
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*	
0-17	143	151	316	568	1,227	863	3,268
18-25	199	349	558	1,121	2,713	1,531	6,471
26-35	253	491	845	1,491	4,141	2,549	9,770
36-45	143	233	478	865	2,732	1,560	6,011
46-55	69	116	236	399	1,172	717	2,709
56-65	16	35	50	117	401	222	841
Over 65	2	9	10	24	80	40	165
Blank	20	19	41	77	312	245	714
Grand Total	845	1,403	2,534	4,662	12,778	7,727	29,949

TABLE6:

Gender	Year						Grand Total
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*	
Blank	0	0	208	791	692	241	1,932
Female	299	521	794	1,432	4,357	2,679	10,082
Indeterminate	0	0	2	0	1	0	3
Male	546	874	1,509	2,414	7,656	4,769	17,768

Other	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
Unknown	0	8	21	23	66	31	149
Unspecified	0	0	0	2	6	3	11
Grand Total	845	1,403	2,534	4,662	12,778	7,727	29,949

*\* 2022 = Partial Year To 30<sup>th</sup> June*