

1. Do you keep a record of crimes aggravated by hostility towards sex or gender that are reported to (or discovered by) your force?

West Midlands Police (WMP) has no hate crime policy, guidance or pilot in place to collect such data. However, there is a Public Protection Unit requirement to record any indication of hostility based on sex or gender if identified during an investigation into an SSO. Our Hate Crime force lead believes if someone contacts WMP to report a non-crime hate incident involving perceptions of hostility based on sex/gender then we will record, even though it is not our official policy to do so.

NB. Please note the reference to gender concerns cisgender identity, as crimes aggravated by hostility towards transgender identity are already captured under s.66(1) Sentencing Act 2020. References to gender in the below questions should also be read as references to cisgender identity.

2. If not:

- a) Have you ever done? **No – other than as per above**
 - b) Are there plans to do so in future? **None at present – other than as per above**
3. Has the Law Commission's 2021 report affected whether you collect this information? If so, how? **N/A**

4. If Yes to question 1, please state:

- a) The number of crimes and incidents that were logged on your system as aggravated by hostility towards sex or gender in 2020, 2021 and 2022 (please give two separate figures for each year- crimes and incidents)
- b) For those recorded as crimes, please give the nature of these offences (broken down by year and into crime categories, as defined by your force)
- c) Please also give the number of crimes logged that led to a:
 - (i) Caution
 - (ii) Criminal prosecution
 - (iii) Conviction

(Please give separate figures for each year)

In relation to question 4, we don't currently have a way to identify crimes based on hostility to sex/gender, we would need to conduct a manual review of all relevant records in order to locate and retrieve this information, this search would exceed the FOI time limit.