

REQUEST

I am sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act to ask for the following information.

1. How many cases of alleged sexual offences or domestic violence involving your forces police officers and other staff are currently under live investigation?

Exempt by virtue of s30(3) Investigations; s31(3) Law Enforcement; s38(2) Health and Safety and s40(5) Personal Information

2. How many of your forces police officers and other staff are currently under live investigation for alleged sexual offences or domestic violence?

Exempt by virtue of s30(3) Investigations; s31(3) Law Enforcement; s38(2) Health and Safety and s40(5) Personal Information

3. How many of your forces police officers and police staff have been sacked over the past five financial years (2023/2022, 2022/2021, 2021/2020, 2020/2019, 2019/2018) for misconduct related to sexual or domestic abuse?

| Officers/staff dismissed for domestic related offences | |
|---|---|
| 2018 | 0 |
| 2019 | 1 |
| 2020 | 0 |
| 2021 | 0 |
| 2022/23 | 0 |
| Officers/staff dismissed for sexual related offences | |
| 2018 | 2 |
| 2019 | 7 |
| 2020 | 6 |
| 2021 | 3 |
| 2022/23 | 2 |

We want our officers to uphold the highest of standards so the public has the utmost confidence in them.

Sexual harassment and abuse are simply unacceptable but when it is done by a police officer - who holds a position of power and someone the public should trust - it must be rooted out and eliminated.

We must do everything we can to maintain public confidence and trust in policing.

This will provide reassurance to the public that we mean it when we say we'll do all we can to preserve and rebuild trust.

4. For context: On 16th January 2023, it was reported that the Metropolitan Police announced that a total of 1,633 cases of alleged sexual offences or domestic violence involving 1,071 officers and other staff are being assessed. On 18th January 2023, the Met released a clarification. They said 'assessed' in this context meant a review of already completed cases from previous years, and these cases were not live ongoing investigations. The full clarification is

explained in this link: <https://news.met.police.uk/news/clarification-on-our-review-of-previously-completed-misconduct-cases-460483>

Is your force currently carrying out a review of completed cases of alleged sexual offences or domestic violence involving officers and other staff?

If yes, what number of cases of alleged sexual offences or domestic violence involving what number of your police force's officers and police staff is your police force currently reviewing?

WMP are about to engage with the National Requirement to complete a Historical Data Wash of 'All' Police National Database records for Officers, Staff, Special Constables and Volunteers. WMP anticipate beginning this process in the next few weeks with a time scale for completion, in line with the National deadline of 29/9/23 in order to complete somewhere in the region of 12,225 records.

In relation to the question - WMP will be reviewing completed cases. However, we are not yet able to say, as the work has not yet commenced and until completed the Force will not know the number of cases or number of officers and staff that will require reviewing.