

1. **The number of police officers who had complaints logged against them for their use of social media in (i) 2018, (ii) 2019, (iii) 2020, (iv) 2021 and (v) 2022.**

*Please note we are unable to provide data for 2018 or 2019 as this search would exceed the appropriate limit (FOIA, s.12). Please see covering letter for further details.*

Year	Total Officers
2020	9
2021	9
2022	9

2. **For the combined five-year period please provide a breakdown of the ranks of the officers who had complaints brought against them.**

Rank	Total
Police Constable	20
Sergeant	4
Inspector	1
Chief Superintendent	2

3. **Please provide a list of the complaints – that cannot be linked to the individual officers – which show (a) the social media platform they were using relating to the complaint, and (b) a one sentence explanation of the nature of the complaint.**

Complaint – 2020	Total
Inappropriate Photo	2
Abusive Language	2
Political Comment	1
Inappropriate Comment	4
Complaint – 2021	Total
Offensive Post	1
Inappropriate Comment	6
Inappropriate Photo	2
Complaint – 2022	Total
Inappropriate Comment	6
Political Comment	2
Inappropriate Message	1

<b>Social Media Platform – 2020</b>	<b>Total</b>
Facebook	6
WhatsApp	2
Twitter	1
<b>Social Media Platform – 2021</b>	<b>Total</b>
Facebook	5
WhatsApp	1
Twitter	1
Zoom	1
Dating App	1
<b>Social Media Platform – 2022</b>	<b>Total</b>
Facebook	2
WhatsApp	2
Twitter	3
Instagram	1
Snapchat	1

4. Please state how many officers faced disciplinary sanctions as a result and what these sanctions were.

<b>Sanctions – 2020</b>	<b>Total</b>
Written Warning	2
<b>Sanction – 2021</b>	<b>Total</b>
0	
<b>Sanction – 2022</b>	<b>Total</b>
Would have been dismissed	1

**NB** Please note the table above does not include ongoing matters

**NOTE:** I am interested in police officers, NOT PCSOs, civilian employees or special constables.

**NOTE:** By complaint I mean any complaint that has been logged by your force which may have come internally or from a member of the public.