

Request Reference: 171A/24

1a. How many offences of stalking were recorded by your police force between: 1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022?

7,773

1b. How many offences of stalking were recorded by your police force between: 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023?

6,793

2. Of the offences recorded as one of the 3 stalking offences between 01/04/22 - 31/03/23, how many outcome 1A outcomes are recorded where the alternative offence recorded is either s2 harassment or s4 harassment (putting people in fear of violence)?

Exceeds the appropriate limit (FOIA, s.12). See covering letter for full details.

3. Of the offences recorded as one of the 3 stalking offences between 01/04/22 - 31/03/23, how many outcome 1A outcomes are recorded where the alternative offence recorded is malicious communications?

Exceeds the appropriate limit (FOIA, s.12). See covering letter for full details.

4. Of the offences recorded as section 4a stalking offences between 01/04/22 - 31/03/23, how many outcome 1A outcomes are recorded where the alternative offence recorded is section 2a stalking?

Exceeds the appropriate limit (FOIA, s.12). See covering letter for full details.

5. Of the offences recorded as one of the 3 stalking offences between 01/04/22 - 31/03/23, how many outcome 15B outcomes are recorded?

Type 15 (OC15) - Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action = 1,822

6. How many dedicated specialist stalking officers (i.e. where the officer's time is wholly or solely reserved for the response, investigation, or management of stalking crimes) does your force currently have? 7. How many stalking Single Point of Contacts (SPOC) does your force have? 8. How many stalking SPO SPOCs does your force have?

As a force we don't operate a Single Point of Contact (SPOC) role. However, governance wise we have the following structure:

Police Officers

Stalking Lead (Superintendent)
Stalking Tactical Lead (Inspector)
Stalking Supervisor (Sergeant)
Non-DA Stalking Lead for Force (Inspector)

Police Staff

Seven dedicated Police Staff Investigators (PSI's) who support the force regarding stalking investigations and Stalking Protection Order (SPO) applications.

9. In how many cases did your police force apply for one or more interim SPO between 01/04/22 - 31/03/23?

Six

10. In how many cases did your police force apply for one or more full SPO between 01/04/22 - 31/03/23?

Three

11. How many of those SPOs that your police force applied for between 01/04/22 - 31/03/23 ended up not being authorised by the superintendent and/or or not authorised by the police force legal services?

None – an application wouldn't be pursued unless authorised by a Superintendent.

12. How many of those SPOs that your police force applied for between 01/04/22 - 31/03/23 ended up being refused at court?

None

13. How many of the SPOs you applied for between 01/04/22 - 31/03/23 had positive requirements?

Five

14. How many breaches of SPO crimes were recorded between 01/04/22 - 31/03/23? How many resulted in a charge?

14 breaches / 7 charges