



**HEDDLU
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NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date:26/03/2024

2024/282 - Malicious Communications

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

2a) How many reports in the last 5 years have you received from the public which are classified as 'malicious communications'

2b) How many reports of malicious communications resulted in no further action?

2c) How many reports of malicious communications resulted in a charge?

008/72 Outcomes	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
01A. Alternate Offence Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	78	104	105	102	33
01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	47	45	53	54	42
02A. Alternate offence Youth Caution / Conditional Caution	1	0	0	1	0
02. Youth Caution / Conditional Caution	4	4	2	5	0
03A. Alternate Offence Adult Caution / Conditional Caution	10	2	2	2	1
03. Adult Caution /Conditional Caution	3	7	5	1	3
05. Offender Has Died	0	0	0	1	1
06. Penalty Notice for Disorder	1	0	0	0	0
08. Community Resolution / Youth Restorative Disposal	28	81	57	67	45
09. CPS Prosecution Not In Public Interest	4	6	3	5	1
10. Police Formal Action Not In Public Interest	109	175	163	122	25
11. Named Suspect Below Age of Criminal Responsibility	0	5	2	1	0
12. Named Suspect Too Ill To Prosecute	2	8	4	11	1
13. Named Suspect but Victim / Key Witness Deceased or Too Ill	1	1	0	2	0

14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	135	225	237	238	182
15. CPS Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	50	54	90	54	16
15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	419	434	514	402	288
16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	1775	1797	2209	1925	916
17. Suspect Identified but Prosecution Time Limit Expired	5	6	6	4	4
18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	309	274	354	314	449
20. Other Body / Agency has Investigation Primacy	45	21	36	39	19
21. Police Named Suspect, Investigation Not in the Public Interest	184	141	109	60	30
22. Checkpoint	1	2	16	15	12
Outcome Not Yet Assigned	0	1	66	189	198
Total	3211	3393	4033	3614	2266

2d) Could you provide an ethnicity breakdown of the perpetrators of those who have been charged due to malicious communications in the last 5 years?

Charged Offender Self-Defined Ethnicity (unique nominal count per calendar year)	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
B1. Black Caribbean	0	0	0	1	1
B9. Any other Black background	0	0	0	1	0
M1. White & Black Caribbean	0	0	0	0	1
M9. Any other mixed background	1	2	0	0	0
O2. Arab	0	0	1	0	0
O9. Any other ethnic group	0	1	2	2	0
W1. White British	76	88	98	93	43
W2. White Irish	0	0	0	0	1
W3. White Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0	0	0	1	0
W9. Any other white background	14	12	9	15	8
SDE Not Stated	4	6	4	2	5
No SDE Recorded	4	0	3	1	0
Total	99	109	117	116	59

2e) Could you provide an ethnicity breakdown of those who received a NFA due to allegations of malicious communications in the last 5 years?

Non-Charged Suspect Self-Defined Ethnicity (unique nominal count per calendar year - includes other non-charge disposals)

2019

2020

2021

2022

2023

(cautions, community resolutions)

A1. Asian - Indian	0	0	2	0	2
A2. Asian - Pakistani	0	2	1	1	0
A3. Asian - Bangladeshi	3	0	0	1	0
A9. Any other Asian background	4	0	2	1	1
B1. Black Caribbean	9	1	6	5	4
B2. Black African	2	3	1	5	1
B9. Any other Black background	7	3	3	2	2
M1. White & Black Caribbean	3	5	2	2	2
M2. White & Black African	2	2	2	1	1
M3. White & Asian	1	2	0	1	0
M9. Any other mixed background	6	7	8	6	6
O1. Chinese	0	0	0	1	0
O2. Arab	1	0	2	1	0
O9. Any other ethnic group	7	11	11	8	10
W1. White British	1436	1442	1642	1502	902
W2. White Irish	6	6	8	8	10
W3. White Gypsy or Irish Traveller	3	4	4	8	8
W9. Any other white background	87	80	110	105	70
SDE Not Stated	92	57	96	100	75
No SDE Recorded	298	336	465	505	346
Total	1967	1961	2365	2263	1440

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
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