



Response Date:27/01/2026

2026/070 - Communications Offences

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

- **For each of the years 2024 and 2025 the number of arrests made by your force for each of the following offences**
 - **Section 1 of the Malicious Communications Act 1988**
 - **Section 127 of the Communications Act 2003**
 - **Section 179, Part 10, of the Online Safety Act 2023 (false communications)**
 - **Section 191, Part 10, of the Online Safety Act 2023 (threatening communications)**

Legislation (think S191 OSA should have read S181 in the applicant's request, S181 has offences relating to threatening comms)	2024	2025
S127 Communications Act	140	115
S179 Online Safety Act	1	2
S181 Online Safety Act	1	4
S1 Malicious Communications Act	11	7

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