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2025/611 - Misidentification, Vulnerable Groups, and Community Resolutions in Stalking/Harassment Cases

Although excess cost removed the forces obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 relating to the handling of stalking and harassment cases by your police force. This request focuses on potential misidentification of victims, the use and misuse of Community Resolutions, and the treatment of individuals with protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010.

◆ **Part 1 – Misidentification and Arrest of Victims**

- 1. Between 2018 and 2024, how many individuals were:**
 - **Arrested on suspicion of stalking or harassment.**
 - **Later identified as the victim rather than the perpetrator.**
- 2. Of those cases, please provide any available breakdown by:**
 - **Gender (with particular focus on women where misogyny may have played a role).**
 - **Sexual orientation (including cases involving homophobic abuse).**
 - **Disability or mental health conditions (e.g., bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, PTSD, autism spectrum, anxiety disorders).**
 - **Race/ethnicity.**
 - **Any recorded intersectional vulnerabilities, where multiple protected characteristics may be relevant.**
- 3. Of those misidentified and arrested:**
 - **How many were detained in custody.**
 - **How many were released without charge.**
 - **How many resulted in no further action.**

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. To obtain the information in the format you have requested would involve manually reviewing each record on our force system. The cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (FOI) Fees and Appropriate Limit regulations 2004.

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Therefore, in accordance with the FOI Act 2000 the information you have requested is exempt under Section 12 (1), and this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (5) of the legislation.

4. Are there any internal reviews, case audits, guidance, or training materials regarding:

- **Misidentification of victims in stalking/harassment or domestic abuse incidents.**

Yes

- **Mistaken arrests involving individuals with protected characteristics.**

No

- **Handling of cases involving vulnerable or marginalised individuals.**

Yes

◆ Part 2 – Use and Misuse of Community Resolutions (CRs)

5. Between 2018 and 2024, how many Community Resolutions were issued for:

- **(a) Stalking.**
- **(b) Harassment.**

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6. Of these, please specify how many involved individuals with the following protected characteristics:

- **Mental health conditions.**
- **Disability.**
- **Gender (female-identifying individuals).**
- **Sexual orientation (including LGBTQ+).**

- **Race/ethnicity.**

Please see the answer to Q1, 2 and 3.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 18/06/2025