



# WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE

## Information Management

### Freedom Of Information

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Dear Ms Mehmood

Thank you for your request for information, received by West Yorkshire Police on 11/06/19.

You requested the following information:

Could you please provide me with the total number of reported Islamophobic hate crimes for each month from January 2019 to May 2019.

Could the data be broken down by separate districts (Leeds, Bradford, Huddersfield, Wakefield, Kirklees, Calderdale)

Please see the table below showing Anti Islamic Hate Crime, 01/01/2019 to 31/05/2019.

District	Jan 2019	Feb 2019	Mar 2019	Apr 2019	May 2019
Bradford	3	1	10	4	4
Calderdale	0	0	0	1	0
Kirklees	0	0	4	3	6
Leeds	9	6	5	5	7
Wakefield	1	1	0	0	0
West Yorkshire	13	8	19	13	17

Figures represent the number of crimes recorded during the period which:

- were not subsequently cancelled
- were recorded as Hate Crime (any type)

A manual assessment of other Hate flagged crimes has been carried out to determine if there is an anti islamic element

Some crimes may have been recorded as a Hate Crime strand other than anti-Islam

These figures may be subject to further investigation, reclassification and cancelling and will therefore change over time

Crime classifications based on Home Office Counting Rules for Recorded Crime  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/counting-rules-for-recorded-crime>

A hate crime is any criminal offence which is perceived by the victim or any other person, to be motivated by a hostility or prejudice based on a person's disability, race, religion, sexual orientation or gender identity.

Please note recent increases in hate crime are predominantly associated with administrative change in relation to Force crime recording processes which have resulted in an increased likelihood of a crime being recorded following an incident report to the Police. Crime increases have been reported across a number of crime types this year and the increases in hate crime follow a similar pattern to related offences such as public order and low level violence without injury. The force has made improvements to how information about hate incidents is recorded. A number of sub-categories for the recording of faith and disability hate crimes are being introduced to get a better understanding of the impact of national and international events on local communities and improve and target services for victims. Recent publicity may also have encouraged victims of hate incidents and crimes to come forward and report their experience to the police. West Yorkshire Police support the annual Hate Crime Awareness Week in partnership with the Police and Crime Commissioner in order to highlight the issue of hate crime. The campaign aims to give people a better understanding of what hate crime is and encourage victims of hate incidents to report them.

As part of our commitment to making communities safer and feel safer, West Yorkshire Police is committed to engaging with communities to increase the under-reporting of hate crimes and hate incidents. West Yorkshire Police employs specialist Hate Crime Co-ordinators across districts in order to assist investigating officers in identifying perpetrators, providing after-care support for victims and to work with communities to increase awareness of hate crime and reporting mechanisms. They also engage in joint working with partners such as local councils, Victim Support and the 142 third party Hate Incident Reporting Centres (HIRCs). HIRCs offer anyone who has experienced or witnessed a hate crime / incident the opportunity to report it in an alternative location to a Police Station.

## **COMPLAINT RIGHTS**

If you are not satisfied with how this request has been handled or with the information provided, please read the advice notice attached to this letter. If you do wish to take up your right of complaint, please remember to quote the reference number above, in any future correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

Gemma Burton  
Disclosure Officer

## COMPLAINT RIGHTS

1. Are you unhappy with how your request has been handled or you think the decision is incorrect?

You have the right to request that West Yorkshire Police review their decision. Prior to lodging a formal complaint, we encouraged that you discuss the decision with the case officer that has dealt with your request.

2. Ask to have the decision looked at again

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision looked at again, is to telephone the case officer that is nominated at the end of your decision letter. That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

3. Complaint

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision of West Yorkshire Police, made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding access to information, you can lodge a written complaint to have the decision internally reviewed.

A West Yorkshire Police internal review of your decision, will be carried out by a senior member of staff who is fully trained in interpreting Freedom of Information legislation. The review will be independent conducted, regardless to the original decision made.

Complaints will only be treated as valid, if they are received by West Yorkshire Police within a 60 day timeframe from the date of the decision letter. They must include the original FOI Reference Number and can only be submitted in writing, by using the following contact details:

[foi@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk)

or

West Yorkshire Police  
FOI Internal Reviews  
PO Box 9  
Laburnum Road  
Wakefield  
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In all possible circumstances, West Yorkshire Police will aim to complete and respond to your internal review within 20 working days. However this date may be extended in exceptional circumstances, by another 20 working days.

4. The Information Commissioner

If you are still dissatisfied with the internal review decision, made by West Yorkshire Police. You can then make an application to the Information Commissioner, for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Alternatively, you can phone their helpline or write to them at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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FOI Help Line: 0303 1231113