



**Freedom Of Information**

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Dear I. Hudson

Thank you for your request for information, received by West Yorkshire Police on 21 April 2021.

You requested the following information:

Can I have the totals for drone complaints made to West Yorkshire Police in the years:  
2019 - 2020

Also for those years can I have the figures for complaints on fireworks and snowballs as a comparison point.

Please see the attached document for the requested information.

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,

Alix Whitfield  
Disclosure Officer.

## COMPLAINT RIGHTS

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 independently conducted, regardless of 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  
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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.

### **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  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF  
FOI Help Line: 0303 1231113

## Incidents reporting the use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, 01/01/2019 to 31/12/2020

### Notes

Figures show the number of incidents recorded during the period which:

- contained the search terms %UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE%, and/or %DRONE% within the incident log text

All incident records matching these search criteria were manually assessed to remove any 'false positive' results. The records which remain contain reference to Unmanned Aerial Vehicles/Drones

Duplicate incident logs (multiple reports of the same 'event') and police generated logs are excluded

Incidents are recorded in accordance with the National Standard for Incident Recording (NSIR) Counting Rules:

Incidents of West Yorkshire Police using drones to investigate an incident are excluded

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-national-standard-for-incident-recording-nsir-counting-rules](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-national-standard-for-incident-recording-nsir-counting-rules)

Incident type	2019	2020
ANIMAL RELATED PROBLEMS	0	1
BURGLARY - BUSINESS & COMMUNITY	0	1
COLLAPSE/ILLNESS/INJURY/TRAPPE	0	1
COMPLAINT AGAINST POLICE	1	1
CONCERN - CORONAVIRUS RELATED	0	7
CONCERN FOR SAFETY	15	7
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	1	1
DRUGS	1	0
ENVIRONMENT	0	2
FIREARMS (NON CRIME)	0	1
HARASSMENT	1	5
HIGHWAY DISRUPTION	1	1
INSECURE PREMISES/VEHICLES	0	1
LOST/FOUND PROPERTY	1	0
MALICIOUS COMMUNICATIONS	0	1
MESSAGE	3	1
MS INTRUDER - FALSE ALARM	0	1
NO CRIME RECORDED (EG VICTIM NOT LOCATED)	1	1
NUISANCE	23	64
OTHER NOTIFIABLE CRIME	7	6

PERSONAL	0	6
POLICE - FALSE ALARM	0	1
PUBLIC ORDER	0	6
ROAD/MARINE/AIR INCIDENT	0	2
ROBBERY	1	1
RTC - DAMAGE ONLY - DET EXCH NFA	0	1
SUDDEN DEATH - NON SUSPICIOUS	1	3
SUSP CIRCS - INV VEHICLE	5	8
SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES	42	91
THEFT - OTHER / HANDLING	0	1
VIOLENCE AGAINST PERSON	0	4
WANTED/COURT ORDER/BAIL	1	0
WILDLIFE	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>228</b>

#### Throwing Incidents, 01/01/2019 to 31/12/2020

##### Notes

Data represents the number of incidents recorded during the period which were closed as Anti-social behaviour - Fireworks/throwing

- throwing of snowballs would be included in this category

- throwing of other articles would also be included (e.g. stones)

Firework related incidents based on those which included 'FIREWORK' or 'FIRE WORK' in the log text

Incidents are recorded in accordance with the National Standard for Incident Recording (NSIR) Counting Rules:

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Incident type	2019	2020
Fireworks/throwing	1909	2102
- of which relate to fireworks	1691	1874