



Our Ref: 1077.2019-20  
Date: 22 April 2020

Civil Disclosure  
Joint Corporate Legal Services

Dear Applicant,

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 1077.2019-20**

I write in connection with your request for information which was received by North Yorkshire Police on 15 January 2020. Please accept our apologies for the delay in providing you with a response. I note you seek access to the following information:

*I'm writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act to request statistics on the number of hate crimes reported to your Constabulary. I'm building a study which details the changes in hate-crime behaviour in the last 10 years across the UK.*

*I want to know these three things:*

- 1. The total number of reported hate-crimes in your Constabulary each year from January 1st 2009 to November 31st 2019.*
- 2. From those cases above, how many resulted in a conviction?*
- 3. Out of these hate-crimes, do you have statistics on how many were incidents of racism? If so, can this figure be included for each month?*

*I understand this may be quite the task to put these figures together, I'm willing to accept a small but reasonable delay in getting the figures back.*

**Extent and Result of Searches to Locate Information**

To locate the information relevant to your request searches were conducted within North Yorkshire Police.

I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by North Yorkshire Police.

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Police Headquarters | Alverton Court | Crosby Road | Northallerton | North Yorkshire | DL6 1BF  
DX No 68810 NORTHALLERTON 2 | Telephone 01609 643542 | Fax 01609 789987

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## Decision

I have today decided to disclose the located information to you.

1. In relation to the total number of Hate-Crimes recorded by North Yorkshire Police between the dates of from January 1st 2009 to November 31st 2019 please see the below table.

Number of Recorded Hate-Crimes 01.01.2009 – 31.11.2019											
Annual Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Number of Hate-Crimes	301	306	210	189	240	239	288	330	392	533	604

2. In relation to how many cases resulted in a conviction – To provide this data would require a manual review of all the above cases. This would result in the full request being exempt under S.12 of the Freedom of Information Act as to do so would exceed 18 hours.

Although excess cost removes the force's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, the total number of Hate-Crimes charged by North Yorkshire Police. 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.

Number of Charged Hate-Crimes 01.01.2009 – 31.11.2019											
Annual Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Charged/Summoned	116	127	89	80	110	75	97	115	77	34	23

3. In relation to how many of these Hate-Crimes related to racism please see the below.

Number of Recorded Hate-Crimes related to Racism 01.01.2009 – 31.11.2019											
Annual Year / Month	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
JAN	16	13	16	6	11	10	13	14	21	19	33
FEB	10	15	13	9	16	13	14	14	20	19	31
MAR	25	27	17	10	15	11	24	22	16	29	35
APR	20	22	18	6	6	13	19	15	24	22	29
MAY	23	25	13	12	20	11	15	10	31	43	22
JUN	26	22	22	16	15	13	18	27	18	43	52
JUL	16	19	12	22	18	18	15	28	19	31	43
AUG	26	16	11	16	26	17	22	34	18	34	26
SEP	32	15	13	16	9	17	22	21	36	20	46
OCT	22	27	7	14	17	19	17	28	20	33	29
NOV	17	19	16	14	19	17	14	23	19	33	28
DEC	16	24	17	11	24	18	17	19	26	22	-
Grand Total	249	244	175	152	196	177	210	255	268	348	374

Please note that systems used for recording information are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted therefore that this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other responses you may receive.

## Complaint Rights

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet which details your right of complaint.

If you have any queries concerning this request, please contact me quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

Sam Allon  
Legal Officer (Civil Disclosure)  
Joint Corporate Legal Services

## **COMPLAINT RIGHTS**

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

You have the right to request that North Yorkshire Police review their decision.

Prior to lodging a formal complaint you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the case officer that dealt with your request.

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.

### **Complaint**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision North Yorkshire Police made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) regarding access to information you can lodge a complaint with North Yorkshire Police to have the decision reviewed. North Yorkshire Police must be notified of your intention to complain within 2 months of the date of its response to your Freedom of Information request. Complaints should be made in writing and addressed to:

Force Solicitor and Head of Legal Services  
North Yorkshire Police  
Alverton Court  
Crosby Road  
Northallerton  
North Yorkshire  
DL6 1BF

In all possible circumstances North Yorkshire Police will aim to respond to your complaint as soon as practicable but within 20 working days.

### **The Information Commissioner**

After lodging a complaint with North Yorkshire Police if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make 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 <https://ico.org.uk> Alternatively, phone: 0303 123 1113 or write to:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF