

Information Management

Freedom Of Information

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Dear E Sotelo.

Thank you for your request for information, received by West Yorkshire Police on 01/10/2019.

You requested the following information:

I'm looking for data into the sexual assaults reported to the authorities in the Hyde Park-Headingley area over the last five years.

- 1) The number of sexual assaults reported to the police.
- 2) The gender breakdown of the victims of sexual assault.
- 3) The percentage of victims who were students.
- 4) The locations with greater concentrations of sexual assaults.

The table below provides Sexual offences recorded in Headingley and Hyde Park Ward, between 01/04/2014 and 31/03/2019.

Notes

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

- were not subsequently cancelled
- were classified as a Sexual offence
- were recorded with a crime location in Headingley and Hyde Park Ward

One offence can relate to multiple victims, or there may be no victim linked to the offence

Student figures represent the number of victims who stated their occupation as either 'STUDENT', 'FULL TIME STUDENT' or 'GRADUATE STUDENT'

Figures are subject to further investigation, reclassification and cancellation, and may 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

| Period | Crimes | Victim gender | | Students |
|---------|--------|---------------|--------|----------|
| | | Male | Female | Students |
| 2014/15 | 41 | 4 | 36 | 11 |
| 2015/16 | 49 | 6 | 40 | 12 |
| 2016/17 | 57 | 9 | 46 | 8 |
| 2017/18 | 82 | 11 | 68 | 11 |
| 2018/19 | 89 | 6 | 78 | 13 |

West Yorkshire Police are unable to assist with question 4, as we cannot release information at a lower location level than by Ward level (i.e. Hyde Park Ward, Headingley Ward), which has already been provided in the table above.

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,

Kirsti Kaye 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

or

West Yorkshire Police FOI Internal Reviews PO Box 9 Laburnum Road Wakefield WF1 3QP

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

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