



Heddlu Police  
**DYFED-POWYS**

**FOI Reference: 1046/2019**

**Request:**

Please treat this email as a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I am seeking information concerning social media harassment.

Please disclose under the FOI Act;

In the following time period –

- (a) 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019
- (b) 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018
- (c) 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017
- (d) 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016
- (e) 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015

1. How many cases of alleged social media harassment were reported to your police force
2. Of the cases of alleged social media harassment which were reported to your police force, how many lead to charges being brought
3. Of the cases of alleged social media harassment which were reported to your police force, how many of the complainants were male
4. Of the cases of alleged social media harassment which were reported to your police force, how many of the complainants were female
5. Of the cases of alleged social media harassment which were reported to your police force, how many of the alleged perpetrators were male
6. Of the cases of alleged social media harassment which were reported to police force, how many of the alleged perpetrators were female
7. On how many occasions did your police force issue harassment warning notices

**Clarification:**

- We decided that the best way to tackle this would be to list crimes of harassment where a social media provider has been flagged in your search. Those that we agreed on for this were Facebook, Facebook Messenger, WhatsApp, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat. It would be great if it is possible to make this distinction, as this should eliminate any cybercrime/bank fraud type crimes from being recorded in the statistics that you provide.
- Question two refers to charged to court and questions three and four refer to the victim.

**Response 1:**

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested, as outlined below.

OFFICAL

	<b>Total number of social media related harassment offences recorded</b>
<b>2014/15</b>	13
<b>2015/16</b>	54
<b>2016/17</b>	154
<b>2017/18</b>	220
<b>2018/19</b>	172

**Response 2:**

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested, as outlined below.

	<b>Total number of social media related harassment offences recorded resulting in the outcome of 'charged'</b>
<b>2014/15</b>	4
<b>2015/16</b>	0
<b>2016/17</b>	13
<b>2017/18</b>	5
<b>2018/19</b>	10

**Responses 3 & 4:**

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested, as outlined below.

	<b>Total number of female victims</b>	<b>Total number of male victims</b>	<b>Total number of victims gender unknown</b>
<b>2014/15</b>	9	2	2
<b>2015/16</b>	38	15	1
<b>2016/17</b>	105	46	3
<b>2017/18</b>	164	55	1
<b>2018/19</b>	127	43	2

**Responses 5 & 6:**

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested, as outlined below.

	<b>Total number of female offenders</b>	<b>Total number of male offenders</b>	<b>Total number of offenders gender unknown</b>
<b>2014/15</b>	3	10	0
<b>2015/16</b>	17	36	1
<b>2016/17</b>	56	85	13
<b>2017/18</b>	88	105	27
<b>2018/19</b>	66	87	19

**Response 7:**

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested, as outlined below.

OFFICAL

	<b>Total number of harassment warning notices issued</b>
<b>2014/15</b>	11
<b>2015/16</b>	0
<b>2016/17</b>	2
<b>2017/18</b>	2
<b>2018/19</b>	1

**It should be noted that as a result of the systems adopted by Dyfed-Powys Police in relation to the recording of such information that the information released may or may not be accurate.**

**Furthermore, it should also be noted that Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide crime statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the crime data. It should be noted that for these reasons this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.**