



# Heddlu Police

## DYFED-POWYS

**FOI Reference: 194/2020**

**Request:**

- 1) Please tell me how many hate crimes were reported to your police force where the words 'coronavirus', 'corona' or 'virus' featured in the MO code, between January 1st 2020 and the date of this email.
- 2) For the five most recent cases, please provide me with details of the reported hate crime, redacted so as not to fall foul of Section 40. (E.g. A man of Chinese descent was shouted at on the bus and accused of having the coronavirus).

**Response 1:**

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

	<b>01/01/2020 – 04/03/2020</b>
<b>Total number of crimes recorded relevant to the request</b>	1

**Response 2:**

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

<b>Account of Crime</b>
IP has been approached by [REDACTED] who has said [REDACTED] should not be working there in case [REDACTED] has the coronavirus which IP perceives as a racist remark against [REDACTED]

*Please note: as requested, part of the information has been redacted in order to avoid the application of exemptions.*

**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.**