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**FOI Reference: 381/2022**

**Request:**

We seek the following information on racist hate crimes and/or hate incidents towards the following ethnic groups:

- Chinese
- East Asian
- South East Asian
- Asian
- "Oriental"
- Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan, Japan, Mongolia, North Korea, and South Korea, Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines, Laos, Indonesia, Brunei, Burma (Myanmar), Cambodia and Timor-Leste
- Or any that had such appearance (set out above)

(The "Relevant Groups")

And would like data for the following years, broken down by each month:

- 2019
- 2020
- 2021
- 2022 (for this year, up until the FOI response date or whatever are the most recent statistics).

**Request:**

Provide the number of racist hate crimes and/or hate incidents reported where the victim(s) comprise of the Relevant Groups, broken down by each group where possible.

Please provide the data for my request in an Excel spreadsheet format with suggested row headings by year and month, with column headings:

- Month
- Year
- Number of hate crimes
- Number of hate incidents
- Ethnicity/ethnic appearance

**Response:**

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested; however we are exempting part of that information as we believe that the following exemptions are relevant:

**Section 30(1)(a) Investigations and Proceedings conducted by Public Authorities**

Section 30(1)(a) is a class-based qualified exemption. This means that the legislators when writing the legislation considered that the release of such information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 would cause harm to the public authority or individual concerned. There is

therefore no requirement to carry out a HARM Test in respect of such information. However, there is a requirement to carry out a Public Interest Test in order to establish whether the public interest in maintaining the exemption may be outweighed by a wider public benefit in disclosure.

### **Section 30(1)(a) Investigations and Proceedings conducted by Public Authorities:**

*(1) Information held by a public authority is exempt information if it has at any time been held by the authority for the purposes of -*

*(a) Any investigation which the public authority has a duty to conduct with a view to it being ascertained (i) whether a person should be charged with an offence, or (ii) whether a person charged with an offence is guilty of it.*

### **Public Interest Test**

#### ***Considerations favouring disclosure:***

Disclosure of the information would improve the public's knowledge and awareness and would provide satisfaction to the public that these cases are investigated thoroughly and offenders are being dealt with accordingly.

#### ***Considerations favouring non-disclosure:***

This exemption covers information held at any time for the purpose of an investigation, whether the case is ongoing, closed or abandoned. To release specific details of an ongoing investigation, as in this case, could undermine and prejudice those investigations. This would impact on the forces' future law enforcement capabilities by hindering the prevention or detection of crime.

### **Balancing Test**

After considering the advantages and disadvantages in disclosure, it falls upon Dyfed-Powys Police to conduct a balance test on the issues. The strongest argument for disclosure, which is public awareness, needs to be weighed against the strongest arguments for non-disclosure, which in this case is that the release would undermine and prejudice ongoing investigations, which would impact on the forces' future law enforcement capabilities by hindering the prevention or detection of crime.

Therefore, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

***Please note: A total of 29 offences have been removed from the breakdown of information below due to the fact that Section 30 exemption applies to those offences.***

<b>Racist Hate Crimes (Ethnic Code - Asian)</b>									
<b>Year - 2019</b>	<b>Any Other Asian Background</b>	<b>Any Other Ethnic Group</b>	<b>Any Other Mixed Background</b>	<b>Bangladeshi</b>	<b>British</b>	<b>Indian</b>	<b>Not Stated</b>	<b>Pakistani</b>	<b>White And Asian</b>
Jan	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Feb	2	0	1	1	0	4	3	0	1
Mar	4	0	0	3	0	4	3	2	0
Apr	3	0	4	5	1	3	2	2	0
May	5	0	2	2	0	3	4	2	2
Jun	0	0	0	3	0	11	0	0	0
Jul	5	1	0	4	1	7	1	0	0
Aug	5	0	1	4	0	3	2	1	1
Sep	3	0	1	3	0	1	1	0	0
Oct	5	0	0	1	0	4	1	1	1
Nov	4	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0
Dec	2	0	0	1	0	5	3	0	1

<b>Racist Hate Incidents (Ethnic Code - Asian)</b>						
<b>Year - 2019</b>	<b>Any Other Asian Background</b>	<b>Any Other Mixed Background</b>	<b>British</b>	<b>Indian</b>	<b>Not Stated</b>	<b>Pakistani</b>
Jan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feb	0	0	1	0	0	0
Mar	1	0	0	1	1	0
Apr	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	0	0	0	1	0	1
Jun	1	0	0	0	0	0
Jul	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aug	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep	0	1	0	0	0	0
Oct	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec	0	0	0	0	0	0

Racist Hate Crimes (Ethnic Code - Asian)												
Year - 2020	Any Other Asian Background	Any Other Ethnic Group	Any Other Mixed Background	Any Other White Background	Bangladeshi	British	Chinese	Indian	Irish	Not Stated	Pakistani	White & Asian
Jan	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	0	1	3	0
Feb	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	6	0	1	1	1
Mar	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	5	0	5	1	0
Apr	5	0	0	0	2	1	0	4	0	0	3	0
May	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	1
Jun	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	0	2	3	1
Jul	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	4	0	2
Aug	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0
Sep	6	0	1	1	2	0	0	7	1	6	2	0
Oct	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	3	2	2
Nov	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	1
Dec	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	1	0

Racist Hate Incidents (Ethnic Code - Asian)				
Year - 2020	Any Other Asian Background	Indian	Not Stated	Pakistani
Jan	1	0	0	0
Feb	0	0	0	0
Mar	1	0	0	0
Apr	0	0	0	0
May	0	1	0	0
Jun	0	0	0	0
Jul	1	0	1	0
Aug	0	0	0	0
Sep	0	1	0	1
Oct	0	0	0	0
Nov	0	0	0	0
Dec	0	0	0	0
<b>Section 30 applied x 1</b>				

<b>Racist Hate Crimes (Ethnic Code - Asian)</b>										
<b>Year - 2021</b>	<b>Any Other Asian Background</b>	<b>Any Other Black Background</b>	<b>Any Other Mixed Background</b>	<b>Any Other White Background</b>	<b>Bangladeshi</b>	<b>British</b>	<b>Indian</b>	<b>Not Stated</b>	<b>Pakistani</b>	<b>White &amp; Asian</b>
Jan	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	1
Feb	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1
Mar	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	1
Apr	4	0	2	0	0	2	5	3	4	2
May	5	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	4
Jun	2	0	0	0	5	0	6	6	4	1
Jul	5	0	0	0	3	1	1	4	2	0
Aug	15	0	0	0	1	1	3	1	0	3
Sep	8	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
Oct	5	0	0	2	1	0	7	9	1	2
Nov	6	2	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Dec	3	0	1	0	2	0	1	3	0	0
<b>Section 30 applied x 7</b>										

<b>Racist Hate Incidents (Ethnic Code - Asian)</b>	
<b>Year - 2021</b>	<b>Indian</b>
Jan	0
Feb	0
Mar	0
Apr	0
May	1
Jun	0
Jul	0
Aug	0
Sep	0
Oct	0
Nov	0
Dec	0
<b>Section 30 applied x 1</b>	

Racist Hate Crimes (Ethnic Code - Asian)								
01/01/2022 - 12/05/2022	Any Other Asian Background	Any Other Mixed Background	Any Other White Background	British	Indian	Not Stated	Pakistani	White & Asian
Jan	1	1	0	0	3	1	6	1
Feb	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
Mar	1	1	0	0	6	4	1	1
Apr	1	0	1	0	3	1	1	1
May	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Section 30 applied x 20</b>								

Racist Hate Incidents (Ethnic Code - Asian)	
01/01/2022 - 12/05/2022	No Race Incidents Recorded

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.

(This is a response under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and disclosed on 05/07/2022)