

## Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request 1083/18 - Crimes - social media

Under the Freedom of Information Act I request:-

1. Please could I have the figure for number of people detained and questioned by your force because of offensive online messages.

i) Could I have figures for 2015 (01 Jan - 31 Dec), 2016 (01 Jan - 31 Dec), 2017 (01 Jan - 31 Dec), and 2018 (01 Jan - Current Date)

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018
No. of Crimes	1	19	19	21

ii) Please could I have the outcome of the investigation (was it dropped, or were prosecutions brought, for example), if available.

Outcome	2015	2016	2017	2018
Caution adult	1	6	3	5
Caution youth	0	0	0	1
Charge/Summons	0	6	11	10
Evidential Difficulties	0	6	4	2
Not in Public Interest (Police)	0	0	1	1
Victim does not support police action	0	1	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>

iii) Please could I have the locality of the individual involved to the narrowest level without breaching section 40 of the FOI act (for example, local authority if held would be fine)

Area	2015	2016	2017	2018
Gateshead	0	3	4	1
Newcastle	0	3	4	2
North Tyneside	0	3	1	2
Northumberland	0	4	5	5
South Tyneside	1	3	1	3
Sunderland	0	3	4	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>