

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request 1146/22 - Social Media Misconduct

The following caveats should be noted regarding the data supplied:

- The following information has been extracted from a 'live' database and may be subject to the addition and deletion of complaints, complainants and subjects after the initial extraction of data used for the purposes of this request.
- Data has been checked for allegations recorded between 01/01/2017 to 30/08/2022 for matters relating to complaints and misconduct on WhatsApp and/or other social media sites by Police Officers. Data has been grouped by the year of recording the alleged incident and not necessarily when the incident took place.
- A key word search was conducted under the allegation summary for the words social media, Whatsapp, Facebook, Tik tok, Snapchat, Twitter and Instagram.
- Outcomes noted as "live" are yet to be determined.
- Please note that the data has been presented in such a manner as to avoid the application of exemptions relevant under the Act (Section 40 – Personal Information) to withhold due to low numbers, and these will not be broken down further.

Year	Nature of Allegation	Outcome
2017	Derogatory comment on Twitter x 1 Inappropriate and unprofessional comments on Facebook x 2 Inappropriate comments on social media x 2 Inappropriate profile picture on Whatsapp x 1 Inappropriate sharing of an image on social media x 1 Inappropriate sharing of CCTV image via social media x 3	Final written warning x 2 Local Resolution x 1 Management Action x 4 Management Advice x 1 No case to answer - No action x 1 Written warning x 1
2018	Inappropriate and unprofessional comments on Facebook x 1 Inappropriate and unprofessional comments on social media x 1 Inappropriate comment on own Twitter account x 1 Inappropriate comments on Whatsapp x 1 Inappropriate sharing of CCTV image via social media x 6. Inappropriately using personal Twitter account x 1 Shared a photo on Instagram x 1	Disapplication - No Action x 1 Management Action x 8 No case to answer - No action x 1 No Misconduct x 1 Written warning x 1
2019	Inappropriate and unprofessional comments on Facebook x 1 Inappropriate comments on Whatsapp x 6	No Misconduct x 6 Not upheld x 1

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2020	Inappropriate and unprofessional comments on Facebook x 1 Inappropriate comment on own Twitter account x 1 Inappropriate comments on social media x 3 Inappropriate comments on Twitter x 1 Inappropriate sharing of an image on social media x 2. Inappropriate sharing of images on social media x 2 Sent messages, pictures and videos of a sexually explicit nature x 1	Dismissed x 3 No case to answer x 3 No further action required x 2 Service provided was acceptable x 3
2021	Inappropriate and unprofessional comments on Facebook x 7 Inappropriate and unprofessional comments on Whatsapp x 3 Inappropriate comment on own Instagram account x 1 Inappropriate comment on own Twitter account x 1 Inappropriate comments on social media x 7 Inappropriate comments on Tik tok account x 1 Inappropriate sharing of an image on social media x 2 Post made on a social media profile was inappropriate x 1	Dismissed x 3 Live x 1 No case to answer x 6 Referral to Reflective Practice Review Process (RPRP) x 9 Service provided was acceptable x 1 Service provided was not acceptable x 1 Written Warning x 2
2022	Inappropriate and unprofessional comments on Whatsapp x 1 Inappropriate comment made on social media x 1 Inappropriate comment on own Snap Chat account x 1 Inappropriate comment on own Twitter account x 1 Inappropriate sharing of an image on social media x 1 Malicious communications on social media x 1 Unwanted contact via social media x 1	Live x 4 Referral to RPRP x 3