

13th April 2021

Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20210582

REQUEST

Please provide the following information, broken down by financial year:

1. The number of complaints (not internal conduct matters) of alleged sexual misconduct and/or violence against women - including but not limited to sexual harassment, sexual assault and rape - lodged against serving police officers, PCSOs, and special constables between April 2017 and March 2021, where the alleged victim was not someone working for the police (i.e. police officer, non-officer staff, PCSO, special constable, or volunteer).

2. The number of internal conduct matters concerning alleged sexual misconduct and/or violence against women - including but not limited to sexual harassment, sexual assault and rape - lodged against serving police officers, PCSOs, and special constables between April 2017 and March 2021, where the alleged victim was not someone working for the police (as defined in question 1).

3. The number of complaints (not internal conduct matters) of alleged sexual misconduct and/or violence against women - including but not limited to sexual harassment, sexual assault and rape - lodged against serving police officers, PCSOs, and special constables between April 2017 and March 2021, where the alleged victim was someone working for the police (as defined in question 1).

4. The number of internal conduct matters concerning alleged sexual misconduct and/or violence against women - including but not limited to sexual harassment, sexual assault and rape - lodged against serving police officers, PCSOs, and special constables between April 2017 and March 2021, where the alleged victim was someone working for the police (as defined in question 1).

Please provide the data for questions 5 to 12 broken down by the year the case was initially logged in.

5. The number of complaints referred to in response to question 1 where the complaint was upheld, and the number that are still pending.

6. The number of internal conduct matters referred to in response to question 2 where the allegation was upheld, and the number that are still pending.

7. The number of complaints referred to in response to question 3 where the complaint was upheld, and the number that are still pending.

8. The number of internal conduct matters referred to in response to question 4 where the allegation was upheld, and the number that are still pending.

9. The number of complaints referred to in response to question 5 where the accused had their employment (or equivalent for PCSOs etc) terminated as a result, or where the accused resigned prior to the conclusion of proceedings.

10. The number of internal conduct matters referred to in response to question 6 where the accused had their employment (or equivalent for PCSOs etc) terminated as a result, or where the accused resigned prior to the conclusion of proceedings.

11. The number of complaints referred to in response to question 7 where the accused had their employment (or equivalent for PCSOs etc) terminated as a result, or where the accused resigned prior to the conclusion of proceedings.

12. The number of internal conduct matters referred to in response to question 8 where the accused had their employment (or equivalent for PCSOs etc) terminated as a result, or where the accused resigned prior to the conclusion of proceedings.

13. Please provide any readily available summaries of the cases covered by questions 1 to 4 that were upheld (specifying, if possible, whether in each case the accused left the police force's employment)

CLARIFICATION

We publish all Misconduct Findings on our Force Website:
<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/about-us/our-standards/misconduct-findings/>

This will supply you with some data for your request.

FROM THE REQUESTER

Thanks for this. Could the force provide statistics for questions 1-8 that are just those cases that are still pending (and thus not in the published information you provided me)? As these will not yet have been upheld, questions 9-13 will not apply to them, and they will presumably all be from financial year 2020/21.

RESPONSE

I approached our Complaints & Discipline Unit for assistance with your request. They have provided the following:

Please see response below

NOTE: Allegations which have been counted to get these figures are "other assault, Corrupt practice, abuse of position for sexual purpose, sexual assault, other sexual conduct,(Complaints only) and Discreditable Conduct (Internal conduct only)"

| | | |
|------------|---|----|
| 1. 2017/18 | = | 14 |
| 2018/19 | = | 15 |
| 2019/20 | = | 16 |
| 2020/21 | = | 19 |

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| 2. 2017/18 | = | 4 |
| 2018/19 | = | 4 |
| 2019/20 | = | 5 |
| 2020/21 | = | 6 |

3. *0 (A member of police cannot complain about another member of the police, this would be investigated as an internal conduct matter – see question 4 answers)*

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| 4. | 2017/18 | = | 3 | |
| | 2018/19 | = | 2 | |
| | 2019/20 | = | 3 | |
| | 2020/21 | = | 2 | |
| 5. | 2017/18 | = | 0 x upheld | 0 pending |
| | 2018/19 | = | 3 x upheld | 0 pending |
| | 2019/20 | = | 0 x Upheld | 0 pending |
| | 2020/21 | = | 0 x Upheld | 4 pending |
| 6. | 2017/18 | = | 4 x case to answer – none pending | |
| | 2018/19 | = | 2 x case to answer – none pending | |
| | 2019/20 | = | 4 x case to answer – 1 pending | |
| | 2020/21 | = | 2 x case to answer – 1 pending | |
| 7. | 0 | | | |
| 8. | 2017/18 | = | 2 x case to answer – none pending | |
| | 2018/19 | = | 2 x case to answer – none pending | |
| | 2019/20 | = | 1 x case to answer – 2 pending | |
| | 2020/21 | = | 0 x case to answer – 1 pending | |