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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NUMBER: 2270/2025

Thank you for your request for information regarding ACRO record deletions; which has now been considered.

Applicant Question:

Can you please provide me data for the most recently recorded period for the following:

1. How many applications for deletion you have received against how many of these were approved for deletion.
2. If readily available, if you can also include columns for the disposal type (arrest record/caution etc), offence, and police force.

I am not sure how you record your data, but when I refer to an “application”, I mean each person – as you will know, one person may have more than one record – and one of their records may be approved for deletion, and another not. If you record applications/deletions according to each disposal, rather than the person, if you can please indicate this in your response and identify, if possible, how many records/approvals relate to each person.

NPCC Response:

The NPCC does hold some information captured by your request.

ACRO record deletion requests by calendar years. Accordingly please see the below following statistics. Please note that the figures below were retrieved and accurate as of 24/04/2025 as decisions from local forces on a daily basis.

2024

3770 applications received. 3000 were eligible and sent to forces.
2922 decisions received from forces so far. Of these, 1287 were approved.

2025

1600 applications received so far. 1189 eligible requests sent to forces so far. 68 awaiting processing. 754 decisions received from forces so far. Of these, 381 were approved.

ACRO do not capture cautions as a standalone offence however, they do capture whether an application is for the deletion of caution, *warning or reprimand*. Accordingly, please see attached figures for 2023, 2024 and 2025 which includes a force code key.

2024 - 546 deletions were for either a caution, warning or reprimand.

2025 - 165 deletions were for either a caution, warning or reprimand.

In relation to the last part of your request, ACRO confirmed that 'if an individual is applying for the deletion of multiple offences/disposals to be deleted but, those events are all owned by the *same force* then only one entry will be logged for that person. ACRO do not record deletions per disposal/offence.

If an individual submits an application for the deletion of multiple offences/disposals and they are owned by more than one force then a request *per force* will be logged for that data subject.

Yours sincerely

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COMPLAINT RIGHTS

Internal Review

If you are dissatisfied with the response you have been provided with, in compliance with the Freedom of Information legislation, you can lodge a complaint with NPCC to have the decision reviewed within 40 working days of the date of this response. The handling of your request will be looked at by someone independent of the original decision, and a fresh response provided.

It would be helpful, if requesting a review, for you to articulate in detail the reasons you are not satisfied with this reply.

If you would like to request a review, please write or send an email to NPCC Freedom of Information, c/o PO Box 481, Fareham, Hampshire, PO14 9FS.

Annex A

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the NPCC, when refusing to provide information by way of exemption in question and (c) states why the exemption applies. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a refusal notice to those aspects of your request.

Legislation – Section 16

- (1) It shall be the duty of a public authority to provide advice and assistance, so far as it would be reasonable to expect the authority to do so, to persons who propose to make, or have made, requests for information to it.