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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NUMBER: 3029/2026

Thank you for your request for information regarding members of parliament, which has now been considered.

Applicant Question:

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, relating to the work of the National Police Coordination Centre (NPoCC) and/or the national democracy protection unit, in coordinating and recording data on threats, harassment, and abuse against Members of Parliament.

1. Please state whether the NPCC, NPoCC, or any associated national unit, holds aggregated data recording the number of harassment, stalking, or threat-related complaints made by sitting MPs (as complainants) to police forces across the UK, for each of the last three calendar years.

2. Of those complaints, please state how many resulted in: (a) arrest, (b) charge, (c) conviction, and (d) conviction subsequently overturned on appeal.

3. Please state what mechanism, if any, exists for identifying or flagging cases where a complaint made by an MP was found by a court to have been an inappropriate or unnecessary use of harassment legislation against political speech or lawful protest activity.

If this information is not held centrally by the NPCC, please advise which body, if any, is responsible for collating this data, or confirm if no such national collation exists.

NPCC Response:

The NPCC does hold some information captured by your request.

1. **Please state whether the NPCC, NPoCC, or any associated national unit, holds aggregated data recording the number of harassment, stalking, or threat-related complaints made by sitting MPs (as complainants) to police forces across the UK, for each of the last three calendar years.**

The NPCC holds some information relevant to this part of your request through records maintained by the National Parliamentary and Diplomatic Protection Command in relation to stalking and harassment offences. These records include incidents where a sitting MP or their staff, are the complainant.

The information held is as follows:

Stalking and Harassment for 2023, 2024 and 2025.

Offence	2023	2024	2025
Stalking	3	9	6

Offence	2023	2024	2025
Harassment	96	148	151
Racially or religiously aggravated harassment	2	8	8
Scottish - Racially aggravated harassment	0	1	1
Total	**98**	**157**	**160**

The harassment totals comprise harassment offences together with racially or religiously aggravated harassment offences.

The NPCC does not hold recorded information specifically identifying 'threat-related complaints'. This category is not recorded in a manner that would enable the information to be retrieved from existing records. Accordingly, under section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the NPCC does not hold recorded information falling within this element of your request.

2. **Of those complaints, please state how may resulted in: (a) arrest, (b) charge, (c) conviction and (d) conviction subsequently overturned on appeal.**

The NPCC does not hold this information.

Information relating to arrests, charges, convictions and appeals would be held, where recorded, by the individual investigating police forces and/or the criminal justice agencies responsible for prosecuting and determining cases.

Accordingly, under section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the NPCC does not hold information relevant to this part of your request.

3. **Please state what mechanism, if any, exists for identifying or flagging cases where a complaint made by an MP was round by a court to have been an inappropriate or unnecessary use of harassment legislation against political speech or lawful protest activity.**

The NPCC does not hold recorded information in respect of this question.

No national mechanism is held by the NPCC that identifies or flags cases on the basis described in your request. Accordingly, under section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the information is not held.

For clarity, the figures provided above are drawn from national parliamentary protection recording systems and reflect stalking and harassment offences recorded where a sitting Member of Parliament or their staff were recorded as the complainant. The data should not be interpreted as representing all reports made to police forces across the United Kingdom.

Yours sincerely
Freedom of Information Officer & Decision Maker

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COMPLAINT RIGHTS

Internal Review

Any request for an internal review will be acknowledged and responded to, based on the specific wording of your initial request only.

We ask that any rationale to request an internal review, does not include any requests for new information and ask that these be submitted by separate email. We will acknowledge as a new request and may aggregate to your initial request in compliance with the legislation.

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.

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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.

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