



Freedom of Information request ref 01/FOI/25/3417
We received your request on the 29/05/2025

Request

You asked us:

- 1 In what year did your force start recording non-crime hate incidents?**
- 2 Please provide any document laying out the policy for recording such incidents?**
- 3 Please provide any email or document instructing your force to record such incidents, from for example the Home Office, Association of Chief Police Officers etc?**
- 4 In each of the years your force has recorded such incidents, how many have been recorded in each year?**

We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

Our response:

Questions 1 to 3

Government guidance relating to the recording of non-crime hate incidents can be found at the following link and includes a history and the relevant policies:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/non-crime-hate-incidents-code-of-practice/non-crime-hate-incidents-code-of-practice-on-the-recording-and-retention-of-personal-data-accessible>

British Transport Police does not hold any further information relating to force systems prior to 2005. Data from our Force incident system prior to that time is no longer held. The NSPIS command and control system was in place until June 2016. From 2016 to the current time, the Controlworks system has been in place.

Question 4

The data below has been retrieved from the incident recording systems in place in each year. It should be noted that 2016 includes some data recorded on one system and some on another. We have retrieved this data by means of a search for hate incidents which have not been recorded as having a notifiable crime recorded.

The data should be treated with caution as different recording practices may have existed at different times and more historical data may no longer be a complete record due to weeding.

Calendar Year By Incident Date	Number of hate incidents that do not have a notifiable crime raised
2005	76
2006	91
2007	96
2008	92
2009	94
2010	158
2011	137
2012	313
2013	393
2014	327
2015	378
2016	250

Calendar Year By Incident Date	Number of hate incidents that do not have a notifiable crime raised
2016	412
2017	746
2018	775
2019	1071
2020	687
2021	1055
2022	732
2023	1214
2024	1382