Freedom of Information request ref 01/FOI/26/4158
We received your request on the 15/04/2026.

Request

You asked us:

I'd be grateful if you could provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

1. From start of the 2025 domestic football season to 31st March 2026, please provide the total number of football related arrests linked to each of these categories:
- **Total football related arrests**
- **Violent disorder**
- **Public disorder**
- **Throwing missiles**
- **Racist and indecent chanting**
- **Entering the pitch**
- **Alcohol offences**
- **Ticket touting**
- **Possession of offensive weapon**
- **Possession of pyrotechnics**
- **Entering/inside stadium in possession of Class A drugs**
- **Criminal damage/offences against property**

2. Please break down these arrests by the following:
1. **The number in each category that were recorded as racially aggravated**
2. **The number in each category that happened inside a stadium**

3. From start of 2025 domestic football season to 31st March 2026 , provide the number of banning orders that were issued

4. Please disclose the number of reports received about online racist abuse from start of 2025 domestic football season to 31st March 2026
1. **Abuse directed at a football club in relation to players**
2. **Abuse directed at a footballer**

5. For each category of reports, please provide the following information:
1. **Number of arrests**
2. **Number of charges**

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

Our response:

- Total football related arrests
  Result: 86

- Violent disorder
  Result: 1 Arrest -S2 Public Order Act

- Public disorder
  Result: 10 Arrests - S5 Public Order Act Disorderly Behaviour

- Throwing missiles
  Result – No information held as this is an ‘In Stadium’ offence and is off British Transport Police’s jurisdiction.

- Racist and indecent chanting In Stadium
  Result: No information held as this is an ‘In Stadium’ offence and is off British Transport Police’s jurisdiction.

- Entering the pitch
  Result: No information held as this is an ‘In Stadium’ offence and is off British Transport Police’s jurisdiction.

- Alcohol offences
  Result: 12 Arrests for Drunkenness/Drunk & Disorderly

- Ticket touting
  Result: Zero

- Possession of offensive weapon
  Result: 1 arrest

- Possession of pyrotechnics
  Result: 3 arrests

- Entering/inside stadium in possession of Class A drugs
  Result: No information held as this is an ‘In Stadium’ offence and is off British Transport Police’s jurisdiction.

- Criminal damage/offences against property
  Result: 0 arrests

2. Please break down these arrests by the following:

1. The number in each category that were recorded as racially aggravated
   Result: 3 arrests
2. The number in each category that happened inside a stadium
   Result: No information held as this is an ‘In Stadium’ offence and is off British Transport Police’s jurisdiction.
3. From start of 2025 domestic football season to 31st March 2026, provide the number of banning orders that were issued:
   Result: 12 Football Bans
4. Please disclose the number of reports received about online racist abuse from start of 2025 domestic football season to 31st March 2026:

- Abuse directed at a football club in relation to players:
  Result: Zero - Offences of Online abuse directed at Players at a specific football club would be dealt with by the relevant Home Office Force, according to the location of the club.

- Abuse directed at a footballer:
  Result: Zero- Offences of Online abuse aimed at Players would be dealt with by the relevant Home Office Force, according to the location of the club/player.

5. For each category of reports, please provide the following information:

- Number of arrests
  Result: 0 arrests relating to online abuse.

- Number of charges:
  Result: 0.