Freedom of Information request ref 01/FOI/26/4227
We received your request on the 23/05/2026

Request

You asked us:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information regarding transphobic hate crimes:

1. Total Recorded: Between March 2024 and March 2026, how many recorded criminal offences were flagged with a 'transphobic' hate crime marker?

2. Multiple Offences: Out of those recorded incidents, how many involved the suspect being charged with multiple distinct criminal offences arising from the same incident?

3. Prosecution Referrals: How many of these recorded transphobic hate crime cases were officially referred to the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) for a charging decision?

4. Disposal Outcomes: For the cases that were not referred to the CPS, what were the recorded outcome codes (e.g., Outcome 16: Evidential difficulties, Outcome 18: Investigation complete - no suspect identified)?

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

Our response:

Question 1

From 01/03/2024 to 31/03/2026 (by recorded date) BTP has recorded 242 notifiable crimes with the transphobic marker applied.

Question 2

Data is not held on British Transport Police's crime recording system, Niche, in the manner expected by question. The "principal crime rule" applies:

"If the sequence of crimes in an incident, or a complex crime, contains more than one type of crime, then count the most serious crime"

Therefore, British Transport Police would not record 1x assault and 1x theft involving the same victim and suspect at the same time and place, with two crime outcomes. We would just record the most serious crime, with one crime outcome.

Question 3 and question 4

Case referrals to the CPS (in England and Wales only) are not recorded on a discrete field on the British Transport Police's crime recording system. Manual review of each record would be required to identify which records were referred to the CPS. No crimes in Scotland would be referred to the CPS as the CPS is not the prosecuting authority in Scotland.

The "outcomes" applied to the 242 crimes shown against Q1 are broken down in the table below.

- Outcomes 1 to 22 apply to England and Wales. DET1 to DET10 apply to Scotland.
- Outcomes 1 to 9 and DET1 to DET9 count as "solved".
- Every other 'outcomes' is "unsolved".

Stats Status (Outcome Category) (correct as of 26/05/2026)	Count Crimes
1: Charged	1
1: Summonsed/postal requisition	8
1A: Alternate offence charged	2
1A: Alternate offence summonsed/postal requisition	4
8: Youth restorative disposal	1
10: Police - formal action not in public interest	2
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	32
15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	2
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	20
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	5
17: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit expired	2
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	152
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	1
22: Diversionary, educational or intervention activity, has been undertaken and there is no public interest to continue	1
DET10 Undetected	2
New (ie not Outcome applied yet as of 26/05/2026)	7