Our ref: FOI 1435072/22

I would like to request a spreadsheet containing detailed incident data for all Violence & Sexual Offences broken down by crime type (aggravated assault, simple assault, rape, sexual assault, etc.) OR broken down by "with injury/without injury" occurring within the West Yorkshire Police jurisdiction during the years of 2019-2021. Specifically, I am interested in address specific, LSOA, and/or latitude/longitude coordinates (along with the date of occurrence).

Please see the attached document for the requested information.

As per the previous response that you were initially directed to (October 2021 FOI 892053-21 Violence and Sexual Offences (westyorkshire.police.uk)), we are unable to provide the LSOA code as this can only be retrieved by manual review, which would exceed the appropriate limit stipulated within the Act. Therefore we have not looked to retrieve this information and have provided the data broken down by district and ward as an appropriate alternative.

We are also unable to provide the specific address or the latitude/longitude coordinates as this information is exempt by virtue of Section 40(2) Personal Information.

Please see Appendix A, for the full legislative explanation as to why West Yorkshire Police are unable to provide the information.

Crimes relating to sexual offences are taken very seriously by West Yorkshire Police. Specially trained officers are responsible for the investigation of these offences and are situated within both District Safeguarding Units and Protective Services (Crime), a specialist department which deals with complex investigations.

All investigations involving victims of sexual offences under the age of 18, are dealt within a multi-agency setting, involving our statutory safeguarding partners. This approach allows not only for an effective investigation but ensures appropriate safeguarding measures are considered for any person deemed to be at risk. All victims of sexual offences are signposted for support from third sector agencies such as Victim Support.

Over the last 5 years there has been an increase in sexual offences recorded, some of which will be as a result of improved crime recording but also due to recent, well publicised national cases which have given victims the confidence to report crimes knowing that their reports will be taken seriously. These offences may have taken place many years before the survivor of abuse feels able to report the matter to the police. Any non-recent reports receive the same level of investigation and response from specialist officers in West Yorkshire Police as recent reports do. Crimes are recorded within the yearly data of the time they get reported however the offence reflects the age of the victim at the time of the offence.

West Yorkshire Police has a duty to safeguard members of the public and ensure that they can live in an environment free of stalking and harassment. We take reports of stalking very seriously and recognise that stalking can also take place online or through the use of technology. Stalking is a form of harassing behaviour, whereby the perpetrator is fixated or obsessed with the victim. These cases are typified by the disproportionate investment of time and resource which the perpetrator undertakes in pursuit of their objective. These behaviours will have a substantial adverse effect on the victim's life. The force also works closely with agencies to ensure the victim receives specialist support.

West Yorkshire Police strives to ensure all victims receive the best possible service and care from all officers and staff. All victims are offered appropriate specialist after care support services to ensure they receive support throughout the criminal justice process.

## **APPENDIX A**

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 creates a statutory right of access to information held by public authorities. A public authority in receipt of a request must, if permitted, state under Section 1(a) of the Act, whether it holds the requested information and, if held, then communicate that information to the applicant under Section 1(b) of the Act.

The right of access to information is not without exception and is subject to a number of exemptions which are designed to enable public authorities, to withhold information that is unsuitable for release. Importantly the Act is designed to place information into the public domain. Information is granted to one person under the Act, it is then considered public information and must be communicated to any individual, should a request be received.

## **DECISION**

Your request for information has been considered and I regret to inform you that West Yorkshire Police cannot comply. This letter serves as a Refusal Notice under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Section 17 of the Act provides:

- (1) A public authority which, in relation to any request for information, is to any extent relying on a claim that information is exempt information must, within the time for complying with Section 1(1), give the applicant a notice which:-
- (a) States the fact.
- (b) Specifies the exemption in question, and
- (c) States (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

## REASONS FOR DECISION

The reason that we are unable to provide you with this information is covered by the following Exemption:

# Section 40(2) Personal information

**Section 40** is an absolute class-based exemption therefore there is no requirement to provide evidence of harm or consider the public interest test.

To disclose the information would significantly increase the risk of individuals being identified which would breach principle 1 (lawfulness, fairness, and transparency) of the Data Protection Act 2018.

Please note that police forces do not use generic systems or identical procedures for capturing the data. For these reasons this response to your questions, should not be used for comparison purposes with responses you may have received from other police forces

### Violence against the person and sexual offences by ward, 01/01/2019 to 31/12/2021

#### Notes

Information represent the number of crimes recorded during the period which:

- were not subsequently cancelled

- were classified as an offence under Violence against the person or sexual offences
Figures are subject to further investigation, reclassification and cancellation, and may therefore change over time

Crime classifications based on Home Office Counting Rules for Recorded Crime:

 $\underline{\text{https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/counting-rules-for-recorded-crime}}$ 

	2019										2020			2021								
	Sexual offences Violence against the person								offences		Violen	ce against the	person		Sexual offences Violence aga					against the person		
District and ward			Death or				10.1			Death or							Death or				10.1	
District and ward	Other sexual	Rape	serious injury	Homicide	Stalking and	Violence with	Violence without	Other sexual	Rape	serious injury	Homicide	Stalking and	Violence with	Violence without	Other sexual	Rape	serious injury	Homicide	Stalking and	Violence with	Violence without	
	offences	Nape	- unlawful	Homiciae	harassment	injury	injury	offences	Nape	- unlawful	Homicide	harassment	injury	injury	offences	Каре	- unlawful	Homiciae	harassment	injury	injury	
			driving				,,			driving				,,			driving				,,	
Bradford District, Baildon Ward	15	10	0	0	169	117	193	18	7	0	0	196	97	179	20	18	0	0	210	87	162	
Bradford District, Bingley Rural Ward	26	13	0	0	202	96	182	22	11	0	0	249	88	168	26	13	1	0	289	98	176	
Bradford District, Bingley Ward	21	6	0	0	210	127	202	18	10	0	1	233	137	188	19	7	1	1	286	139	207	
Bradford District, Bolton And Undercliffe	44	28	0	0	322	234	280	37	20	0	1	377	200	362	36	26	2	0	418	179	360	
Bradford District, Bowling And Barkerend Ward	68	65	1	1	592	379	769	62	49	0	0	642	399	720	71	40	1	1	846	377	681	
Bradford District, Bradford Moor Ward	30	42	0	0	425	242	489	36	37	0	0	480	248	475	45	28	1	0	512	271	471	
Bradford District, City Ward C	0	7	0	0	16	9	18	1	2	0	0	16	12	36	0	4	0	0	19	8	22	
Bradford District, Clayton And Fairweather Green Ward	28	22	0	0	375	197	343	40	14	0	1	384	195	299	33	21	0	0	443	216	429	
Bradford District, Craven Ward	16	7	1	0	139	82	152	18	14	0	0	152	76	219	19	10	1	0	139	83	217	
Bradford District, Eccleshill Ward	40	38	0	0	442	247	405	49	23	0	0	478	282	416	47	25	0	0	670	259	476	
Bradford District, Great Horton Ward	43	18	0	0	375	239	513	35	22	1	0	461	274	459	40	29	0	1	465	260	406	
Bradford District, Heaton Ward	34	26	2	0	365	198	465	33	27	0	0	448	206	429	33	39	1	0	526	207	421	
Bradford District, Idle And Thackley Ward	28	12	0	0	190	152	221	27	12	0	0	239	118	170	31	11	0	0	338	160	229	
Bradford District, Ilkley Ward	7	2	1	0	60	102	95	3	8	0	0	68	60	108	11	6	0	0	146	61	88	
Bradford District, Inner City Ward	85	67	3	1	273	519	699	57	52	1	0	259	376	627	78	67	0	1	362	479	836	
Bradford District, Keighley Central Ward	66	31	0	0	396	370	562	56	37	0	0	429	274	540	43	26	0	0	570	329	566	
Bradford District, Keighley East Ward	19	15	0	0	312	146	226	27	13	0	1	325	164	243	38	24	0	0	413	171	279	
Bradford District, Keighley West Ward	54	37	0	0	310	204	285	41	23	1	0	448	186	289	48	19	1	1	544	190	312	
Bradford District, Little Horton Ward	49	40	0	1	431	307	697	46	51	1	0	503	364	663	46	28	1	0	601	311	656	
Bradford District, Manningham Ward	39	61	1	1	373	283	565	35	41	2	0	485	280	530	50	44	0	0	549	299	634	
Bradford District, Outer City Ward	41 20	47 8	0	0	380 202	290 117	558 204	42 35	45 8	2	0	404 257	289 143	527 206	45 19	57 18	0	0	458 359	301 142	547 249	
Bradford District, Queensbury Ward Bradford District, Royds Ward	45	26	0	0	449	260	401	37	21	0	0	399	227	394	53	14	0	0	592	234	403	
Bradford District, Shipley Ward	37	24	0	0	255	202	269	27	17	0	0	258	147	290	42	18	0	0	365	198	320	
Bradford District, Thornton And Allerton Ward	45	11	1	0	405	168	309	34	16	0	0	401	180	282	36	22	0	0	455	197	290	
Bradford District, Toller Ward	37	28	0	0	372	244	512	29	28	1	0	389	220	491	42	36	0	1	487	243	537	
Bradford District, Tong Ward	83	30	0	0	629	391	597	44	27	0	0	669	389	673	66	45	0	0	833	421	594	
Bradford District, Wharfedale Ward	6	2	1	0	64	44	55	4	3	0	0	81	24	41	7	4	0	0	73	26	46	
Bradford District, Wibsey Ward	47	12	0	0	309	207	281	31	15	0	0	238	148	226	19	9	0	0	343	165	264	
Bradford District, Windhill And Wrose Ward	31	22	0	0	305	174	316	41	8	0	0	318	164	341	30	18	0	1	375	177	292	
Bradford District, Worth Valley Ward	14	7	0	0	151	79	124	11	6	0	0	136	45	102	16	9	0	0	180	76	103	
Bradford District, Wyke Ward	50	10	0	0	345	196	287	29	10	0	0	351	212	357	28	9	0	0	379	188	315	
Bradford District - ward not recorded	132	141	2	2	144	238	412	96	157	2	0	113	175	258	105	138	1	1	146	198	339	
Calderdale District - ward not recorded	49	95	0	0	77	109	151	36	108	2	0	52	66	96	43	55	3	0	61	80	126	
Calderdale District, Brighouse Ward	27	10	0	0	212	165	195	16	13	0	0	204	99	147	27	12	0	0	226	155	164	
Calderdale District, Calder Ward	14	4	0	0	93	56	84	17	4	0	0	125	54	85	17	12	0	1	150	50	67	
Calderdale District, Elland Ward	18	14	0	0	224	148	216	17	13	0	0	231	117	191	21	12	0	0	275	124	169	
Calderdale District, Greetland And Stainland Ward	18	7	0	0	175	61	96	18	7	0	0	144	50	85	14	9	0	0	153	73	67	
Calderdale District, Hipperholme And Lightcliffe Ward	6	0	0	0	100	65	100	12	7	0	0	135	57	106	18	10	0	1	129	50	91	
Calderdale District, Illingworth And Mixenden Ward	25	16	0	0	314	159	233	34	23	0	0	315	143	202	39	11	0	0	351	164	230	
Calderdale District, Luddendenfoot Ward	27	17	0	0	107	80	110	13	5	0	0	134	56	83	18	11	0	0	131	50	100	
Calderdale District, Northowram And Shelf Ward	8	5	1	0	102	54	99	9	4	1	0	129	53	84	7	6	0	0	148	59	94	
Calderdale District, Ovenden Ward	31	39	0	1	351	198	343	38	20	0	0	368	220	333	46	20	0	1	486	200	314	
Calderdale District, Park Ward	38	60	1	0	427	251	473	31	87	0	0	436	227	454	32	67	0	0	446	233	480	
Calderdale District, Rastrick Ward	27	19	0	0	169	113	135	21	11	0	0	156	98	140	26	8	0	0	208	92	138	
Calderdale District, Ryburn Ward	13	4	0	0	131	83	90	28	33	0	0	140	70	97	43	6	0	0	219	65	117	
Calderdale District, Skircoat Ward	27	35	2	0	162	120	193	22	28	1	0	212	123	230	38	23	1	0	209	109	218	
Calderdale District, Sowerby Bridge Ward	22	16	0	0	191	105	148	10	11	2	0	215	93	155	32	12	1	0	247	136	133	
Calderdale District, Todmorden Ward	30	15	1	0	182	122	174	23	16	2	0	276	113	141	32	17	0	0	295	107	217	
Calderdale District, Town Ward	65	28	0	1	393	558	570	50	33	0	0	405	405	485	74	42	0	0	498	529	545	
Calderdale District, Warley Ward	10	15	0	0	248	151	259	27	17	0	1	348	150	270	25	9	0	0	350	165	223	
Calderdale District, ward not recorded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Kirklees District, Almondbury Ward	34	17	0	0	371	142	219	29	17	0	1	240	139	201	37	9	0	0	323	169	223	
Kirklees District, Ashbrow Ward	31	21	0	0	421	243	379	32	29	0	1	433	213	375	34	21	0	0	428	236	340	
Kirklees District, Batley East Ward	28	33	0	1	298	181	293	38	31	0	1	304	172	260	28	32	1	0	405	189	320	
Kirklees District, Batley West Ward	32	18	0	0	315	165	268	44	23	0	1	361	144	256	36	24	0	0	440	168	323	

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Kirklees District, Birstall And Birkenshaw Ward		11	0	0	311 336	176	232	18	22	0	0	290	145	192	32	24 8	0	0	329	156	230
Kirklees District, Cleckheaton Ward Kirklees District, Colne Valley Ward	30 26	17 10	2	1	202	175 136	206 139	23 23	20 5	0	0	288 214	177 97	197 159	22 16	7	0	0	335 222	176 99	263 149
	25	22	0	0	202		287		22	1	0			250	24	34	0	0	462	142	276
Kirklees District, Crosland Moor And Netherton Ward Kirklees District, Dalton Ward	26	26	0	1	345	170 225	356	26 34	23	0	0	311 312	160 155	284	36	29	0	1	464	200	345
Kirklees District, Daiton Ward	15	7	0	0	122	51	97	18	8	0	0	112	66	78	15	6	0	0	157	60	94
Kirklees District, Densylvale Ward	58	45	1	0	439	290	459	50	27	1	0	430	265	433	53	31	0	0	452	236	389
Kirklees District, Dewsbury South Ward	30	23	0	0	267	177	276	29	16	1	0	346	173	239	41	22	2	0	434	143	270
Kirklees District, Dewsbury West Ward	46	35	1	1	477	305	479	46	44	3	0	522	290	564	64	64	0	0	616	291	515
Kirklees District, Golcar Ward	34	17	0	0	303	152	260	33	19	0	1	321	194	241	36	10	0	0	400	150	206
Kirklees District, Greenhead Ward	42	19	0	0	344	180	411	29	30	0	0	411	201	407	39	36	0	3	515	215	387
Kirklees District, Heckmondwike Ward	29	17	0	0	302	183	240	40	15	0	0	330	172	316	38	32	2	1	447	194	302
Kirklees District, Holme Valley North Ward	22	11	0	0	159	78	107	21	10	0	0	185	92	121	15	10	2	0	203	93	115
Kirklees District, Holme Valley South Ward	29	12	0	0	173	83	120	26	10	0	0	189	103	115	23	11	0	0	220	99	110
Kirklees District, Kirkburton Ward	11	5	0	0	116	70	66	16	13	0	0	122	62	96	15	11	2	0	156	56	84
Kirklees District, Lindley Ward	20	15	0	1	205	106	194	12	11	0	0	247	101	195	36	16	0	0	308	141	257
Kirklees District, Liversedge And Gomersal Ward	46	26	2	0	338	143	202	20	9	0	0	330	145	228	32	18	0	0	448	170	244
Kirklees District, Mirfield Ward	24	10	0	0	193	129	176	33	15	0	0	257	108	180	34	17	1	1	324	128	193
Kirklees District, Newsome Ward	72	65	0	1	524	576	810	60	44	0	0	537	422	750	85	42	0	0	662	528	682
Kirklees District - ward not recorded	78	139	6	0	93	176	232	50	95	1	0	89	104	148	54	120	3	0	97	126	170
Leeds District, Adel And Wharfedale Ward	9	8	0	0	150	89	122	22	12	2	0	209	64	157	11	12	1	0	276	103	169
Leeds District, Alwoodley Ward	24	9	0	0	297	125	218	20	19	0	0	275	111	214	24	23	0	0	348	143	266
Leeds District, Ardsley And Robin Hood Ward	43	9	4	0	305	134	230	32	12	1	0	401	118	177	25	15	6	0	369	174	224
Leeds District, Armley Ward	62	45	2	1	609	481	711	73	49	1	1	718	461	674	67	52	3	0	949	477	758
Leeds District, Beeston And Holbeck	70	57	0	0	617	515	873	76	42	0	0	613	443	847	70	55	0	0	729	430	808
Leeds District, Bramley And Stanningley Ward	57	36	1	1	537	290	478	65	17	0	1	559	325	502	52	39	0	0	622	386	542
Leeds District, Burmantofts And Richmond Hill Ward	63	65	0	0	647	492	839	71	62	0	0	636	469	803	97	64	2	0	830	558	938
Leeds District, Calverley And Farsley Ward	18	17	0	0	265	114	168	18	2	0	0	257	118	181	23	8	0	0	297	119	209
Leeds District, Chapel Allerton Ward	61	35	0	2	414	276	490	49	35	0	1	464	245	452	62	39	1	0	492	263	558
Leeds District, Cross Gates And Whinmoor Ward	49	11	0	0	424	307	364	50	15	0	0	469	230	355	34	26	0	1	508	245	380
Leeds District, Farnley And Wortley Ward	43	26	1	0	524	326	474	47	22	1	0	511	282	423	45	26	0	0	599	292	477
Leeds District, Garforth And Swillington Ward	14	10	0	0	224	127	205	18	14	0	0	236	122	161	27	15	0	0	226	126	192
Leeds District, Gipton And Harehills Ward	81	71	1	0	637	617	1077	79	73	0	2	659	653	1029	118	87	0	1	940	649	1179
Leeds District, Guiseley And Rawdon Ward	23	13	0	0	170	131	176	29	20	1	0	251	138	173	34	17	0	0	262	151	183
Leeds District, Harewood Ward	10	7	0	0	78	46	99	7	3	0	0	116	50	70	12	5	1	0	181	47	84
Leeds District, Headingley And Hyde Park Ward	52	34	1	0	258	232	364	57	39	0	0	300	181	371	64	55	0	0	351	258	429
Leeds District, Horsforth Ward	15	12	0	0	168	89	148	27	17	0	0	219	96	151	24	23	0	1	285	115	148
Leeds District, Hunslet And Riverside	130 73	79 44	0	0	602 739	906	1189	91	49 41	0	0	650 808	617 483	909 812	143	76	0	1	780	882 433	1119
Leeds District, Killingbeck And Seacroft Ward Leeds District, Kippax And Methley Ward	31	18	0	0	255	436 139	749 192	72 19	10	0	0	278	106	181	88 24	63	0	0	898 338	433 147	790 208
Leeds District, Kirkstall Ward	51	30	0	0	369	238	352	30	23	1	0	368	213	315	36	30	0	0	467	216	401
Leeds District, Kirkstall Ward  Leeds District, Little London And Woodhouse	171	86	1	0	531	1029	1355	104	70	0	1	447	600	1017	189	94	3	0	605	855	1245
Leeds District, Eithe London And Woodnodse  Leeds District, Middleton Park Ward	76	45	2	0	740	471	636	66	47	0	0	864	451	622	62	48	0	0	986	451	693
Leeds District, Moortown Ward	24	11	0	0	211	114	215	15	12	0	0	221	113	182	18	8	0	0	241	94	181
Leeds District, Morley North Ward	28	25	1	0	330	162	263	28	22	0	0	341	137	284	25	10	1	0	456	153	291
Leeds District, Morley South Ward	33	13	0	0	399	261	335	44	17	0	0	417	238	376	51	34	0	0	560	289	443
Leeds District, Otley And Yeadon Ward	19	20	0	0	275	147	244	33	6	0	0	252	151	191	27	15	0	0	285	132	207
Leeds District, Pudsey Ward	36	14	0	0	364	245	283	31	22	1	0	372	212	269	57	20	1	0	502	256	325
Leeds District, Rothwell Ward	29	12	0	0	299	132	200	23	8	0	0	305	128	188	32	11	1	0	352	156	237
Leeds District, Roundhay Ward	27	19	0	0	254	121	223	30	13	1	1	258	132	203	37	15	0	0	305	160	258
Leeds District, Temple Newsam Ward	41	18	0	0	321	225	341	36	16	1	0	293	184	311	48	20	0	0	358	218	342
Leeds District, Weetwood Ward	19	26	0	0	253	153	202	18	13	0	0	282	112	215	37	17	0	0	368	122	203
Leeds District, Wetherby Ward	28	12	0	0	161	215	206	34	13	0	0	179	144	175	19	9	1	0	223	126	162
Leeds District - ward not recorded	104	148	4	1	202	289	370	93	123	8	0	96	181	275	105	155	1	0	155	227	288
Wakefield District, Ackworth, North Elmsall And Upton Ward	19	10	1	0	238	95	129	16	8	1	0	237	102	112	27	12	5	0	251	95	156
Wakefield District, Airedale And Ferry Fryston Ward	26	15	0	0	348	137	240	43	16	0	0	389	173	239	40	21	0	0	423	168	244
Wakefield District, Altofts And Whitwood Ward	30	12	0	0	315	153	212	27	13	1	0	397	152	195	35	22	0	0	462	182	236
Wakefield District, Castleford Central And Glasshoughton Ward	36	18	0	1	374	230	321	32	20	0	0	308	210	322	40	15	0	0	401	266	351
Wakefield District, Crofton, Ryhill And Walton Ward	19	6	1	0	236	78	135	21	10	0	0	214	74	110	22	13	1	0	236	93	119
Wakefield District, Featherstone Ward	30	17	0	0	350	168	230	53	21	0	0	425	180	290	37	22	0	0	452	191	269
Wakefield District, Hemsworth Ward	33	20	1	0	268	197	248	19	20	0	0	323	180	241	41	19	0	0	368	199	249
Wakefield District, Horbury And South Ossett Ward	35	16	0	0	202	105	118	25	14	1	0	238	85	151	22	9	0	0	289	102	170
Wakefield District, Knottingley Ward	34	13	0	0	288	182	262	30	13	0	0	400	149	213	38	16	0	0	359	167	275
Wakefield District, Normanton Ward	32	21	0	0	324	188	261	41	11	0	0	364	169	267	26	14	0	0	387	175	294
Wakefield District, Ossett Ward	18	24	0	0	211	135	159	32	10	0	0	192	129	167	33	21	0	0	301	112	190
Wakefield District, Pontefract North Ward	42	26	0	1	330	268	302	30	18	1	0	334	204	278	46	14	0	0	436	287	374
Wakefield District, Pontefract South Ward	39	11	0	0	286	143	177	19	5	0	0	254	107	155	30	7	0	0	263	113	179
	36	20	0	1	376	229	265	27	15	1	0	357	190	316	36	19	1	0	398	192	283
Wakefield District, South Elmsall And South Kirkby Ward												1 244	132	172	1 20	8	1 2	0		400	189
Wakefield District, Stanley And Outwood East Ward	35	15	0	0	213	137	181	29	15	1	0	241			28		3	U	266	102	
Wakefield District, Stanley And Outwood East Ward Wakefield District, Wakefield East Ward	53	35	0	1	412	263	451	43	35	0	0	389	254	404	49	30	0	0	587	297	452
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Wakefield District, Wakefield South Ward	30	9	0	0	252	168	170	17	15	0	0	281	120	192	28	19	0	0	321	153	203
Wakefield District, Wakefield West Ward	49	35	0	1	358	282	382	47	35	1	0	442	199	319	49	32	0	0	532	277	435
Wakefield District, Wrenthorpe And Outwood West Ward	18	15	0	0	191	94	143	20	11	1	0	224	90	145	17	13	0	0	302	107	159
Wakefield District - ward not recorded	59	49	1	0	133	176	231	45	51	1	0	86	85	106	50	43	3	0	78	116	133