

22nd April 2021

Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20210680

REQUEST

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

- *Please provide us with the number of complaints of sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment, exploitation of crime victims and child abuse made against police officers, special constables and police community support officers in your force each year since 2012. N.B. Please break these down into a) public complaints and b) internal conduct matters.*
- *How many of the public complaints were upheld each year?*
- *How many of the public complaints resulted in sacking or resignation each year?*
- *Please provide a description of each public complaint that resulted in sacking or resignation.*
- *How many of the internal conduct matters were upheld each year?*
- *How many of the internal conduct matters resulted in sacking or resignation each year?*
- *Please provide a description of each internal conduct matter that resulted in sacking or resignation.*

CLARIFICATION

Please could you clarify the following point(s): -

We publish Misconduct Findings for our workforce on our Force website.

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/about-us/our-standards/misconduct-findings/>

A lot of the detail you are requesting can be found there.

REQUESTER

Provided you can confirm that the link you have provided contains all public complaints and internal conduct matters concerns sexual misconduct since 2012, I am happy to close this request.

CLARIFICATION

Q2-7 will be answered by the Link to Misconduct Findings.

Q1 – Our Professional Standards may receive a complaints internally or externally, if that complaint progresses then the details will be found on the Link. I can go to the Prof Standards Unit for a count of complaints/allegations initially received if that is useful. As the Information Holders they will be able to pull from the system this count.

REQUESTER

Yes please

RESPONSE

I approached our Professional Standards Department, and they have provided the following table:

In response to the this FOI please see the information below. (note these are for Calendar years 2012 to 2020)

YEAR	CONDUCT MATTERS	COMPLAINTS RECEIVED
2012	6	2
2013	5	1
2014	7	3
2015	2	0
2016	4	0
2017	5	2
2018	5	1
2019	8	0
2020	4	1