

FOI Response Information provided under the Freedom of Information Act

Title of Request: FOI Request offensive social media content

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Date of Response: 09/02/2022

Information Requested: This is an information request relating to time and money spent campaigning against and monitoring and responding to offensive social media content.

By 'offensive' social media posts, I refer to anything encompassed by the Communications Act (2003), which specifies "A person is guilty of an offence if he... send by means of a public electronic communications network a message or other matter that is grossly offensive or of an indecent, obscene or menacing character".

Please provide the following information for the financial years 2020 to 2021, and 2021 to the present date:

- 1. Question:** The number of times individuals have been interviewed by your force regarding offensive social media posts, and the typical length of these meetings.

OPCC Response: The OPCC does not hold this information.

- 2. Question:** Time and money spent on campaigns specifically targeted against hate crimes and offensive posts, an example would be the [advertising van used by Merseyside police](#).

OPCC Response: The OPCC does not hold this information.

- 3. Question:** Time and money spent collecting, removing, and investigating posters, leaflets or similar material with offensive content, as well as a brief summary of their content.

OPCC Response: The OPCC does not hold this information.

However, you may wish to contact Cambridgeshire Constabulary (the “Constabulary”), which is a separate organisation to the OPCC, and is treated as such under the Act. You can contact the Constabulary by email at foi@cambs.pnn.police.uk

Alternatively, please see the link to the Constabulary’s Freedom of Information pages:

<https://www.cambs.police.uk/information-and-services/About-us/Freedom-of-information/Make-an-FOI-request>