

FOI 11388 - Cyber Crimes Recorded in West Mercia between 1/04/16 and 31/03/19

Cyber Crimes by Financial Year

Policing Area	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Grand Total
Herefordshire	223	186	160	569
North Worcestershire	361	266	384	1011
Shropshire	371	296	301	968
South Worcestershire	379	246	445	1070
Telford & Wrekin	381	348	317	1046
Grand Total	1715	1342	1607	4664

Cyber Crimes by Financial Year in Worcestershire

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Grand Total
North Worcestershire	361	266	384	1011
Charge/summons	32	19	12	63
Charge/Summons - alternate offence	3		1	4
Community Resolution	9	1		10
Caution - Adult - alternate offence	1			1
Caution - adults	9	3	3	15
Caution - youths	2		2	4
Evidential Difficulties Victim Based – Named suspect not identified: The crime is confirmed but the victim either declines/ or is unable to support further police investigation to identify the offender.	28	37	61	126
Formal action against the offender is not in the public interest (Police)		2		2
Further investigation, resulting from the crime report, which could provide evidence sufficient to support formal action being taken against the suspect is not in the public interest – police decision.	25	19	3	47
Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible –Case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available	77	45	54	176

Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action	121	98	170	389
Named Suspect identified: victim supports police action but evidential difficulties prevent further action	39	31	41	111
Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but is below the age of criminal responsibility	1		1	2
Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but is too ill (physical or mental health) to prosecute		1		1
Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but victim or key witness is dead or too ill to give evidence	1			1
Prosecution time limit expired: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit has expired.			1	1
Transferred to external agency	11	5	7	23
Not Yet Outcomed	2	5	28	35
South Worcestershire	379	246	445	1070
Charge/summons	33	20	11	64
Charge/Summons - alternate offence	4	1		5
Community Resolution	4			4
Caution - Adult - alternate offence	1		1	2
Caution - adults	15	3	2	20
Caution - Youth - alternate offence	1			1
Caution - youths	9	1	7	17
Evidential Difficulties Victim Based – Named suspect not identified: The crime is confirmed but the victim either declines/ or is unable to support further police investigation to identify the offender.	23	25	53	101
Formal action against the offender is not in the public interest (Police)		1		1
Further investigation, resulting from the crime report, which could provide evidence sufficient to support formal action being taken against the suspect is not in the public interest – police decision.	23	10	10	43
Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible –Case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available	77	51	66	194
Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action	116	88	202	406
Named Suspect identified: victim supports police action but evidential difficulties prevent further action	58	29	45	132
Prosecution not in the public interest (CPS) (all offences)		1		1
Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but is below the age of criminal responsibility			1	1

Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but is too ill (physical or mental health) to prosecute			1	1
Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but victim or key witness is dead or too ill to give evidence			1	1
Prosecution time limit expired: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit has expired.	2		2	4
Transferred to external agency	11	7	15	33
Not Yet Outcomed	2	9	28	39
Grand Total	740	512	829	2081

Cyber Crimes by Financial Year in Herefordshire

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Grand Total
Herefordshire	223	186	160	569
Charge/summons	18	15	1	34
Charge/Summons - alternate offence	3	1	1	5
Community Resolution	8		1	9
Caution - adults	16	6	2	24
Caution - Youth - alternate offence	1	2		3
Caution - youths		1		1
Evidential Difficulties Victim Based – Named suspect not identified: The crime is confirmed but the victim either declines/ or is unable to support further police investigation to identify the offender.	10	19	18	47
Formal action against the offender is not in the public interest (Police)		2	2	4
Further investigation, resulting from the crime report, which could provide evidence sufficient to support formal action being taken against the suspect is not in the public interest – police decision.	25	29	5	59
Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible –Case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available	47	30	25	102
Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action	46	49	65	160
Named Suspect identified: victim supports police action but evidential difficulties prevent further action	42	24	17	83
Prosecution not in the public interest (CPS) (all offences)		1		1

Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but is too ill (physical or mental health) to prosecute			1	1
Transferred to external agency	7	3	3	13
Not Yet Outcomed		4	19	23
Grand Total	223	186	160	569