

Metropolitan Police Service

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I write in connection with your request for information which was received by the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) on 14/08/2017. I note you seek access to the following information:

I would be grateful for the following information (itemised in calendar years)

From January 2005 to December 2016 number of foreign suspects, by country of origin, who are actively being investigated under suspicion of taking part in war crimes/genocide.

Number of those being investigated for war crimes/genocide from January 2005 as a result of the case being passed onto to the police by the Home Office (by year).

DISCLOSURE

Between January 2005 and December 2016 there have been 15 initial scoping exercises that have progressed to full investigations against persons suspected of War Crimes, Crimes against Humanity, Genocide and Torture.

The process that the Metropolitan Police Service follows on receipt of an allegation is documented within the published CPS/SO15 guidelines for the investigation of War Crimes, which is available on the CPS website.

http://www.cps.gov.uk/publications/agencies/war_crimes.html

Of these 15 investigations, 5 originated from the United Kingdom Visa and Immigration Service (Home Office) or its previous equivalent. The years are 2005 (2 cases), 2009, 2011, and 2015.