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Met Police misconduct dismissals on the rise, latest figures show

- Stats uncovered by London Assembly member Susan Hall show rise in disciplinaries
- Year on year increase in dismissals between 2014 and 2017
- Discreditable conduct is most common charge and largest increase

Dismissals for misconduct in the Metropolitan Police have risen year on year since 2014, figures uncovered by London Assembly Member Susan Hall show.

The total number of dismissals rose 16 per cent last year, from 55 in 2014/15 to 64 in 2016/17.

Disreputable conduct was the most common reason, and the largest increase, with 33 incidents in 2014/15 jumping 51 per cent to 50 incidents last year.

Other reasons for dismissal included honesty and integrity, neglect or failure of duty and use of force.

Figures for the last three years:

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Total Dismissals	55	58	64
Charges including disreputable conduct	33	41	50

London Assembly Member Susan Hall said: “Our police officers do an excellent job in often difficult, dangerous and demanding circumstances and we are extremely grateful for their work.

“Unfortunately, as in any large organisation, there will always be some disciplinary issues. It is important the Met maintains the highest possible standards among its officers because public confidence is vital to the strength of the force.

“While these new figures are worthy of further discussion, we should keep an open mind as to their positive or negative implications. Higher figures may mean the force is showing greater vigilance, which would be welcomed.”

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Notes

- Susan Hall is a Conservative London-wide Assembly Member
- The figures were obtained via a written question to the Mayor of London
- Link to College of Policing ethics page http://www.college.police.uk/What-we-do/Ethics/Documents/Code_of_Ethics.pdf
- According to the College of Policing, discreditable conduct can include:
 - Acting in any way that discredits or reduces the public's confidence in the police force.
 - Or failure to report any criminal actions or charges against the particular officer, in the UK or abroad.
- Further details of what the various charges include can be found on the College of Policing website.

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