

FOIA - 414/19 - Dating apps

Under the Freedom of Information Act I request:-

The number of crimes recorded by your force between January 2013 and December 2018, where one of the following terms have been used, e.i in the MO field of the crime report.

"Dating app"
 "Dating website"
 "Internet date"
 "Internet dating"
 "Online dating"

Please break down the statistic by year, type of crime/incident, including the name of the dating website, the ages/genders of those involved; and what the offence(s) was/were, and the outcome of any investigation.

Crime type/Platform	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Total
Action Fraud	3	3	2	3	8	19
Dating App					1	1
Dating website	2	1	2	3	3	11
Internet dating	1	2			1	4
Online dating					3	3
Criminal damage - Other					1	1
Dating App					1	1
Harassment	2	3	10	24	23	62
Dating App			2	3	8	13
Dating App/Online dating					1	1
Dating website	2		8	20	10	40
Dating website/Internet dating				1		1
Dating website/Online dating					1	1
Internet dating		1			1	2
Online dating		2			2	4
Less serious violence against the person				1	3	4
Dating App				1		1
Dating website					3	3
Miscellaneous crime		2	3	4	10	19
Dating App		1		2	5	8
Dating App/Online dating		1				1
Dating website			1		5	6
Internet dating			1	1		2
Online dating			1	1		2
Most serious violence against the person			1			1
Dating website			1			1
Other serious sexual offences		1	1	1	2	5
Dating App		1				1
Dating App/Online dating					1	1
Dating website			1	1		2
Online dating					1	1
Other sexual offences	1	1	2	6	1	11
Dating App			1	2	1	4
Dating App/Online dating				1		1
Dating website	1	1		2		4
Internet dating			1	1		2
Other theft and handling		2	1	3	1	7
Dating website		2	1	3	1	7
Rape	2	2	2	7	3	16
Dating App				2	1	3
Dating website	2	2	1	3	1	9
Internet dating			1			1
Online dating				2	1	3
Robbery - Personal	1					1
Dating App	1					1
TWOC				1		1
Dating website				1		1
Total	9	14	22	50	52	147

Victims age group

Victims age group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Total
Dating App	3	2	3	10	17	35
0 to 15		1				1
16 to 25		1	2	3	5	11
26 to 35				4	5	9
36 to 45	3				1	4
46 to 55					2	2
56 to 65					1	1
65+					1	1
Not stated			1	3	2	6
Dating App/Online dating		1		1	2	4
16 to 25					1	1
26 to 35		1				1
Not stated				1	1	2
Dating website	7	6	16	33	23	85
0 to 15			1	1		2
16 to 25	2		5	5	8	20
26 to 35	1	3	5	11	3	23

36 to 45	1		1	6	7	15
46 to 55	1	2	3	6	3	15
56 to 65	1			1	2	4
65+				1		1
Not stated	1	1	1	2		5
Dating website/Internet dating				1		1
Not stated				1		1
Dating website/Online dating					1	1
16 to 25				1		1
Internet dating	1	3	3	2	2	11
0 to 15				1		1
16 to 25		1	1	1		3
26 to 35					1	1
36 to 45		1				1
46 to 55	1		1			2
Not stated		1	1		1	3
Online dating		2	1	3	7	13
0 to 15					1	1
16 to 25				1	1	2
26 to 35		2		2		4
36 to 45			1		4	5
46 to 55					1	1
Total	11	14	23	50	52	150

*There are more victims than crimes because in some cases there were more than one victim of the crime

Offenders age group

<u>Offenders age group</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>Total</u>
Dating App	3	2	3	10	17	35
16 to 25	2			1	1	4
25 to 35	1			2	1	4
36 to 45					1	1
Not stated		2	3	7	14	26
Dating App/Online dating		1		1	2	4
36 to 45					1	1
Not stated		1		1	1	3
Dating website	7	6	16	33	23	85
16 to 25	3	1	1			5
25 to 35		1	3			4
36 to 45	1		1	1	1	4
46 to 55	2					2
Not stated	1	4	11	32	22	70
Dating website/Internet dating				1		1
Not stated				1		1
Dating website/Online dating					1	1
Not stated					1	1
Internet dating	1	3	3	2	2	11
16 to 25			1			1
46 to 55		1				1
Not stated	1	2	2	2	2	9
Online dating		2	1	3	7	13
25 to 35			1			1
Not stated		2		3	7	12
Total	11	14	23	50	52	150

Victims gender

<u>Victims gender</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>Total</u>
Dating App	3	2	3	10	17	35
Female		1		4	4	9
Male	3	1	2	3	11	20
Not stated			1	3	2	6
Dating App/Online dating		1		1	2	4
Female					1	1
Male		1				1
Not stated				1	1	2
Dating website	7	6	16	33	23	85
Female	5	3	10	25	11	54
Male	1	2	5	7	12	27
Not stated	1	1	1	1		4
Dating website/Internet dating				1		1
Not stated				1		1
Dating website/Online dating					1	1
Female					1	1
Internet dating	1	3	3	2	2	11
Female		2	1		2	5
Male	1	1	1	2		5
Not stated			1			1
Online dating		2	1	3	7	13
Female		2		2	4	8
Male			1	1	3	5
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Dating App	3	2	3	10	17	35
Female	1				1	2
Male	2			3	2	7
Not stated		2	3	7	14	26
Dating App/Online dating		1		1	2	4

Male					1	1
Not stated		1		1	1	3
Dating website	7	6	16	33	23	85
Female	1					1
Male	5	2	5	1	1	14
Not stated	1	4	11	32	22	70
Dating website/Internet dating				1		1
Not stated				1		1
Dating website/Online dating					1	1
Not stated					1	1
Internet dating	1	3	3	2	2	11
Male		1	1			2
Not stated	1	2	2	2	2	9
Online dating		2	1	3	7	13
Female			1			1
Not stated		2		3	7	12
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Offence

Row Labels	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Total
Dating App	1	2	3	10	17	33
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (malicious				1		1
Attempted rape of a male aged16 or over					1	1
Blackmail		1		1	5	7
Breach of a Restraining Order					1	1
Causing a child under 13 to watch a sexual act ũ		1				1
Disclose private sexual photographs and films with					1	1
Engage in sexual communication with a child					1	1
Meeting a female child following sexual grooming etc. -				2		2
Meeting a male child following sexual grooming etc. -			1			1
Non counting fraud - Action fraud					1	1
Offence of harassment			1		3	4
Rape of a female aged 16 or over				2		2
Robbery (local sub-code re part 034/01)	1					1
Sending letters etc. with intent to cause distress or			1	3	3	7
Take, permit to be taken or to make distribute or publish				1		1
Threat to commit criminal damage					1	1
Dating App/Online dating		1		1	2	4
Blackmail		1				1
Causing or inciting a female child under13 to engage in					1	1
Meeting a female child following sexual grooming etc. -				1		1
Stalking without fear / alarm / distress					1	1
Dating website	7	6	15	33	23	84
Administering poison with intent to injure or annoy					1	1
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (malicious					2	2
Assault on a female by penetration				1		1
Blackmail					5	5
Engage in sexual communication with a child				1		1
Meeting a female child following sexual grooming etc. -	1	1				2
Non counting fraud - Action fraud	2	1	2	3	3	11
Offence of harassment	2		3	11	6	22
Putting people in fear of violence			1			1
Rape of a female aged 16 or over	2	2		2	1	7
Sending letters etc. with intent to cause distress or			4	9	2	15
Sexual activity with a female child under 16 ũ offender				1		1
Sexual assault on a female			1			1
Stalking without fear / alarm / distress					2	2
Stealing in a dwelling other than from automatic		1		1	1	3
Stealing not classified elsewhere		1	1	2		4
Take, permit to be taken or to make distribute or publish			1			1
Taking a motor vehicle (local sub-code for TWOC)				1		1
Victim not confirmed offence or cannot be trace			1	1		2
Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm			1			1
Dating website/Internet dating				1		1
Offence of harassment				1		1
Dating website/Online dating					1	1
Sending letters etc. with intent to cause distress or					1	1
Internet dating	1	3	3	2	2	11
Blackmail			1	1		2
Meeting a female child following sexual grooming etc. -			1			1
Non counting fraud - Action fraud	1	2			1	4
Offence of harassment					1	1
Putting people in fear of violence		1				1
Rape of a female aged 16 or over			1			1
Sexual activity with a male child under 16 - offender 18				1		1
Online dating		2	1	3	7	13
Blackmail			1	1		2
Causing or inciting a female child under 13 to engage in					1	1
Non counting fraud - Action fraud					3	3
Offence of harassment		2			1	3
Rape of a female aged 16 or over				2	1	3
Sending letters etc. with intent to cause distress or					1	1
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Outcomes

Outcomes	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Total
Dating App	1	2	3	10	17	33
Charge/Summons	1			2	2	5
Evidential Difficulties			1	1	1	3
Investigation Complete - No suspect identified		2	1	4	10	17

Undetected				1		1
Victim declines or is unable to identify suspect				2	1	3
Victim does not support police action			1	1	2	4
Dating App/Online dating	1			1	2	4
Charge/Summons				1	1	2
Investigation Complete - No suspect identified	1					1
Victim declines or is unable to identify suspect					1	1
Dating website	7	6	15	33	23	84
Caution adult	1	1		1	1	4
Caution/Reprimand/Warn	1					1
Charge/Summons	2	1	3	2		8
Evidential Difficulties	2	1	1	1	2	7
Investigation Complete - No suspect identified	1	3	5	13	11	33
Victim declines or is unable to identify suspect				7	3	10
Victim does not support police action			6	9	6	21
Dating website/Internet dating				1		1
Investigation Complete - No suspect identified				1		1
Dating website/Online dating					1	1
Victim does not support police action					1	1
Internet dating	1	3	3	2	2	11
Charge/Summons		1	1			2
Evidential Difficulties				1	1	2
Investigation Complete - No suspect identified		1	2	1	1	5
Victim declines or is unable to identify suspect	1	1				2
Online dating		2	1	3	7	13
Community Resolution					1	1
Evidential Difficulties			1	1	1	3
Investigation Complete - No suspect identified		2		1	3	6
Victim declines or is unable to identify suspect					1	1
Victim does not support police action				1	1	2
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Dating website

Dating website	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Total
Dating App	1	2	3	10	17	33
Badoo	1			1	3	5
Flirt					1	1
Grindr			1		4	5
Hornet			1			1
Jaumo		1				1
Kik/Tinder					1	1
Meet me					1	1
Meetez					1	1
Plenty of fish			1	4	3	8
Skout		1		1		2
Tinder					1	1
Not mentioned				4	2	6
Dating App/Online dating		1		1	2	4
Waplog					1	1
Meet 4 you				1		1
Skout					1	1
Not mentioned		1				1
Dating website	7	6	15	33	23	84
Adultwork.com				1		1
Affinity				1		1
Badoo		1	1	1	2	5
Benaughty.com			1			1
fab guys					1	1
Fab swingers/Grindr				1		1
Fab swingings			1			1
Forcepenpal.co.uk				1		1
Grindr		1		1		2
Internationalcupid.com					1	1
Kik/Plenty of fish				1		1
Match.com				1		1
Meet me					1	1
Meet24				2		2
Plenty of fish	2	2	4	9	7	24
Shaadi.com				1		1
Single muslims				2		2
Skout				1		1
Sweet dreams					1	1
Tag.com				1		1
Tagged				1	1	2
Tinder				2	1	3
Not mentioned	5	2	8	4	6	25
Uniform				1		1
Whatsapp				1		1
Zoosk					1	1
Zwofska					1	1
Dating website/Internet dating				1		1
Plenty of fish				1		1
Dating website/Online dating					1	1
The west fling					1	1
Internet dating	1	3	3	2	2	11
Kik				1		1
Match.com			1			1
Not mentioned	1	3	2	1	2	9
Online dating		2	1	3	7	13
Badoo				1		1
Plenty of fish		2	1	1	2	6

Tinder					1	1
Tyne and Wear singles					1	1
Not mentioned				1	3	4
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