

FOIA - 432/20 Under 18 Offences

Under the Freedom of Information Act I request:-

Please can you tell me how many children (as defined as a person under 18) were investigated by your force on suspicion of committing sexual offences in 2017, 2018 and 2019? When you give me the information, please can you provide me with a breakdown of each child's: - age - gender - which sexual offence they were being investigated on suspicion of - the status/outcome of the investigation for each of the years separately

2017

Crime	Person
Sexual grooming	1
Rape of a female aged 16 and over	23
Rape of a male child under 13	20
Sexual activity involving child under 16	148
Rape of a female child under 16	74
Sexual assault on a female child under 13	68
Sexual assault on a male child under 13	39
Sexual assault on a female aged 13 or over	96
Sexual activity involving a child under 13	120
Sexual assault on a male aged 13 and over	13
Rape of a female child under 13	38
Exposure and Voyeurism	20
Causing sexual activity without consent	1
Rape of a male child under 16	1
Incest or familial sexual offences	1
Rape of a male aged 16 and over	1
Total	664

Age	Count
0-11	120
12+	544
Total	664

Investigation Status of Person	Count
ACCUSED	43
DECISION PEND	1
ELIMINATED	604
UNKNOWN STATUS	16
Total	664

Crime Outcome	Count
Caution youth	19
Charge/Summons	23
Community Resolution	1
Evidential Difficulties	174
Investigation Complete - No suspect identified	1
Investigation Not in Public Interest	17
Not in Public Interest (CPS)	2
Not in Public Interest (Police)	39
Not Stated	4
Other Agency action	32
Suspect too ill	1
Suspect under 10 years old	72
Victim does not support police action	237
YOT Triage	3
Total	625

Gender	Count
Female	90
Male	574
Total	664

2018

Crime	Count
Sexual grooming	3
Rape of a female aged 16 and over	34
Rape of a male child under 13	22
Sexual activity involving child under 16	175
Rape of a female child under 16	76
Sexual assault on a female child under 13	67
Sexual assault on a male child under 13	21
Sexual assault on a female aged 13 or over	105
Sexual activity involving a child under 13	122
Sexual assault on a male aged 13 and over	13
Rape of a female child under 13	31
Exposure and Voyeurism	17
Rape of a male child under 16	1
Incest or familial sexual offences	2
Abuse of children through prostitution and pornography	1
Rape of a male aged 16 and over	1
Total	691

Age	Count
0-11	111
12+	580
Total	691

Investigation Status of Person	Count
ACCUSED	26
DECISION PEND	8
ELIMINATED	643
LOC/TRACE	1
UNKNOWN STATUS	15
Total	691

Outcome	Count
Caution youth	16
Charge/Summons	9
Community Resolution	3
Evidential Difficulties	218
Investigation Complete - No suspect identified	2
Investigation Not in Public Interest	46
Not in Public Interest (CPS)	1
Not in Public Interest (Police)	62
Not Stated	12
Other Agency action	33
Suspect too ill	3
Suspect under 10 years old	58
Victim does not support police action	169
Total	632

Gender	Count
Female	93
Male	598
Total	691

2019

Crime	Count
Sexual grooming	3
Rape of a female aged 16 and over	30
Rape of a male child under 13	27
Sexual activity involving child under 16	166
Rape of a female child under 16	82
Sexual assault on a female child under 13	54
Sexual assault on a male child under 13	22
Sexual assault on a female aged 13 or over	143
Sexual activity involving a child under 13	119
Sexual assault on a male aged 13 and over	17
Rape of a female child under 13	32
Exposure and Voyeurism	10
Causing sexual activity without consent	14
Rape of a male child under 16	1
Abuse of children through prostitution and pornography	1
Rape of a male aged 16 and over	2
Total	723

Age	Count
0-11	118
12+	605
Total	723

Investigation Status of Person	Count
ACCUSED	12
DECISION PEND	30
ELIMINATED	604
UNKNOWN STATUS	77
Total	723

Outcome	Count
Caution youth	4
Charge/Summons	8
Deferred Prosecution	3
Evidential Difficulties	162
Investigation Complete - No suspect identified	5
Investigation Not in Public Interest	60
Not in Public Interest (Police)	41
Not Stated	91
Other Agency action	57
Suspect too ill	1
Suspect under 10 years old	48
Victim does not support police action	178
Victim or key witness is deceased or too ill to give evidence	1
YOT Triage	3
Total	662

Gender	Count
Female	94
Male	627
Unknown	2
Total	723

Notes

The figures for "Crime" "Age" "Gender" and "Investigation Status of Person" all relate to individual suspects. The figures for "Outcome" are measured per crime. Noting that these figures deal specifically with suspects, it is very likely that one crime may have multiple suspects.