

FOI 1082/21 S15A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003

Under the Freedom of Information Act I request:-

1. Please provide the number of recorded offences that relate to s.15A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003, Sexual Communication with a child, HO Crime Code 71/17 between April 2018 and April 2021. Please, where possible, provide the ages of the victims and offenders if known, break the data down by month and year.
2. Please provide the method of communication with the child and the App used to communicate eg. Text, Whatsapp, Facebook, Snapchat, Omegle, Kik, Discord, Twitter, Tiktok, Twitter, other chatroom etc) for all recorded offences relating to s.15A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003, sexual communication with a child, HO Crime Code 71/17 between April 2018 and April 2021. Please break the data down by month and year.
3. Please provide the Outcomes for all s.15A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003, sexual communication with a child, HO Crime Code 71/17 between April 2018 and April 2021. Please break the data down by month and year.

Period	Total Offences	Text	WhatsApp	Facebook	Snapchat	Omegle	Kik	Discord	Twitter	TikTok	Other/ Unidentified
2018	Apr	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5
	May	5	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
	Jun	10	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	9
	Jul	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Aug	6	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3
	Sep	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Oct	12	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	8
	Nov	8	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	5
	Dec	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	7
2019	Jan	12	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	7
	Feb	14	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	9
	Mar	14	0	0	2	4	0	1	0	0	7
	Apr	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
	May	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Jun	13	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	10
	Jul	9	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	6
	Aug	9	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	8
	Sep	11	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	8
	Oct	13	0	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	7
	Nov	13	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	12
	Dec	9	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	7
2020	Jan	12	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	7
	Feb	12	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	11
	Mar	14	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	13
	Apr	8	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
	May	11	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	9
	Jun	17	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	13
	Jul	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
	Aug	7	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	5
	Sep	9	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	7
	Oct	8	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	6
	Nov	18	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	15
	Dec	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
2021	Jan	10	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	7
	Feb	18	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	12
	Mar	30	0	1	1	12	0	0	0	0	16
	Apr	12	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	7

Period	Caution adult	Charge/ Summons	Evidential difficulties	Investigation complete - no suspect identified	Not in public interest (police)	Not stated	Penalty notice	Suspect too ill	Suspect under 10 years old	Victim declines or is unable to identify suspect	Victim does not support police action
2018	Apr	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	0
	May	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jun	0	2	2	5	0	1	0	0	0	0
	Jul	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Aug	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Sep	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Oct	0	2	2	7	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Nov	0	1	2	4	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Dec	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	2	0
2019	Jan	0	1	2	6	0	0	0	0	3	0
	Feb	0	2	2	4	0	1	0	0	3	2
	Mar	1	2	1	8	0	1	0	0	0	1
	Apr	0	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
	May	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Jun	0	1	4	3	0	2	0	0	3	0
	Jul	0	0	1	5	0	2	0	0	1	0
	Aug	0	0	3	3	0	1	0	0	1	1
	Sep	0	1	1	8	0	1	0	0	0	0
	Oct	1	2	1	4	0	1	0	0	3	0
	Nov	0	0	5	4	0	3	0	0	0	1
	Dec	0	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	1	1
2020	Jan	1	4	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Feb	0	0	1	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Mar	1	0	0	12	0	1	0	0	0	0
	Apr	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	0
	May	0	1	2	4	0	2	0	0	2	0
	Jun	0	0	3	9	0	0	0	0	3	2
	Jul	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Aug	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Sep	1	0	2	4	0	1	0	0	1	0
	Oct	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	2	1
	Nov	0	0	4	10	0	2	0	0	2	0
	Dec	0	1	2	7	0	3	0	0	0	0
2021	Jan	0	1	5	2	0	1	0	0	1	0
	Feb	1	0	1	7	0	5	0	0	4	0
	Mar	0	1	1	11	0	16	0	0	1	0
	Apr	0	0	2	2	0	6	0	0	2	0

Period	0-10	11-15	16-25	26-35	36-45	46-55	56-65	66-75	Unknown/ Unstated
2018									
Apr	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
May	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Jun	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Jul	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aug	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	0
Sep	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Oct	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Nov	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Dec	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2019									
Jan	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Feb	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Mar	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0
Apr	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
May	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jun	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
Jul	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Aug	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Sep	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Oct	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0
Nov	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0
Dec	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
2020									
Jan	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	1	0
Feb	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mar	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Apr	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
May	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Jun	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jul	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Aug	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Sep	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Oct	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
Nov	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Dec	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0
2021									
Jan	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Feb	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0
Mar	0	0	0	1	12	1	1	0	0
Apr	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0

Period	Victim Age			
	0-10	11-15	16-25	Unknown/ Unstated
2018				
Apr	2	3	0	0
May	0	4	0	0
Jun	2	5	0	1
Jul	0	1	0	0
Aug	0	2	0	1
Sep	1	0	0	0
Oct	1	9	1	0
Nov	4	3	0	0
Dec	1	6	0	0
2019				
Jan	1	10	0	0
Feb	1	7	0	0
Mar	1	12	0	0
Apr	2	2	0	0
May	0	3	0	0
Jun	1	10	0	0
Jul	1	5	0	0
Aug	1	6	0	0
Sep	3	6	0	0
Oct	0	10	0	0
Nov	1	8	0	0
Dec	2	5	0	0
2020				
Jan	0	8	0	0
Feb	0	11	0	0
Mar	2	10	0	0
Apr	2	4	0	0
May	2	5	0	0
Jun	1	13	1	0
Jul	0	2	0	0
Aug	2	3	1	0
Sep	0	8	0	0
Oct	1	2	0	1
Nov	3	13	0	0
Dec	0	7	1	0
2021				
Jan	0	6	1	0
Feb	4	12	0	0
Mar	4	16	1	0
Apr	1	6	0	0

**Notes** Outcomes are based on crimes reported in the range specified.  
The platform used in any given crime was based on the crime MO.