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REQUEST TITLE:	Crimes Committed by Children Aged Under 10
DATE RANGE:	01.10.2010 to 31.03.2019
INFORMATION REQUESTED:	<p>I would like to submit a Freedom of Information request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.</p> <p>Please can you tell me the following information for the last 10 financial years: 2009/10; 2010/11; 2011/12; 2012/13; 2013/14; 2014/15; 2015/16; 2016/17; 2017/18; 2018/19</p> <p>1) number of crimes committed by children aged under 10</p> <p>2) nature of the crimes</p>
DISCLOSURE WITH EXEMPTIONS:	Full Disclosure
INFORMATION CORRECT AS AT:	20.03.2020
DATE OF DISCLOSURE:	01.04.2020
RELATED DOCUMENTS:	N/A

FOI 14317 RESPONSE

Having completed enquiries within Essex Police in respect of Section 1(1)(a), Essex Police does hold information relating to your request, Essex Police can confirm in respect of Section 1(1)(b) the following data:

Caveat: The date range for this data is from 01/10/2010 to 31/03/2019. We have taken an approach to provide results for offences with Outcome 11 – or equivalent if on another crime recording system (Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified – Suspect below age of criminal responsibility).

The first table (CrimeFile Crime Recording System), represents the number of crimes where the “**offence disposal description**” is: “**no proceedings – under ag**”, “**pros prevented-Named suspect ID-under age**” and / or “**No proceedings – under age of criminal resp**”.

Please note that, outcomes were only introduced in April 2014 for the last year of the CrimeFile system. The old disposal method has been used, so that there are results figures that are consistent for the life of this system.

Offence Title / Financial Year	Oct 2010 to Mar 2011	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	Count of CRN
Violence Against The Person	2	12	20	32	54	120
Criminal Damage	2	2	12	10	25	51
Theft & Handling	2	3	5	4	20	34
Sexual Offences	1		4	5	24	34
Robbery		1		2	1	4
Drug Offences					1	1
Burglary					1	1
Grand Total	7	18	41	53	126	245

The second table (Athena Crime Recording System), represents the number of crimes where the **outcome** (disposal code) is **Outcome 11**.

Offence Title / Financial Year	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Count of CRN
VIOLENCE WITHOUT INJURY	43	53	96	91	283
VIOLENCE WITH INJURY	25	46	48	63	182
OTHER SEXUAL OFFENCES	17	21	40	44	122
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	23	19	21	26	89
RAPE	8	10	12	13	43
PUBLIC ORDER OFFENCES	7	8	5	10	30
ALL OTHER THEFT OFFENCES	3	5	5	3	16
SHOPLIFTING	3	3	4	5	15
MISC CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY	1	4	4	6	15
POSSESSION OF WEAPONS OFFENCES	1	6	3	2	12
BICYCLE THEFT		1	1	4	6
VEHICLE OFFENCES	1	1	1		3
ARSON			2	1	3
BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL				2	2
BURGLARY - NON DOMESTIC	1	1			2
ROBBERY - PERSONAL		1			1
POSSESSION OF DRUGS			1		1
Grand Total	133	179	243	270	825

Every effort is made to ensure that the data provided by Essex Police is accurate and complete. However, Essex Police systems are designed primarily for the management of individual cases and not for the purposes of providing data to answer specific FOI enquiries. Please note although data can be extracted from a number of sources via database queries, the results may be subject to inaccuracies. Care should be taken to understand our return when considering the interpretation or further use of the data.

In providing the figures, an issue has been identified with regards the completeness and potentially the accuracy of the data return. These concerns have been reported to the relevant business areas and will be investigated and addressed. Since January 2020, a new performance framework has been implemented to ensure regular monitoring of progress in relation to cases. This is overseen by Detective Chief Inspectors reporting to the Detective Superintendent, Head of Investigations for the Crime and Public Protection Command.

The Force Information Management Board, chaired by the Deputy Chief Constable has oversight of the Force wide programme of work to improve the quality of Force data. This work has identified data quality leads in all key areas of the business including the Crime and Public Protection Command. Liaison between the Force Data Quality Team and the Crime and Public Protection Command lead for data quality will identify and resolve issues through a variety of mechanisms to ensure regular and appropriate supervisory oversight.