



Freedom of Information Request Reference No:_ FOI 12697 - Sexual Offences 2014-2018

Signposting-links to information already in public domain:

Information Requested:

I note you seek access to the following information:

Could you provide a response to each question for the years (inclusive January – December) 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018:

How many reports of sexual offences were recorded by your police force?

How many of these reports led to an individual being charged with a sexual offence?

How many reports of sexual offences linked to online dating websites and applications were recorded by your police force?

How many of these reports led to an individual being charged with a sexual offence?

How many reports of rape (or assault by penetration) were recorded by your police force?

How many of these reports led to an individual being charged with rape?

How many reports of rape (or assault by penetration) linked to online dating websites and applications were recorded by your police force?

How many of these reports led to an individual being charged with rape?

For the following questions please provide responses about reports of sexual offences, and then separately of rape, linked to online dating websites and apps only for the years 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018:

How many: Victims were aged: 10-14, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80-89.

Male to female offences?

Male to male offences?

Female to male offences?

Female to female offences?

In how many reports:

Had the victim and the offender had their first initial contact online within a week/seven days of the alleged offence?

Had sexual communication formed part of the online contact/conversations?

Did the offence take place in the victim's home?

Did the offence take place in the alleged offender's home?

Was the app Tinder used in the first form of communication?

Was the app Grindr used in the first form of communication?

Was the app Bumble used in the first form of communication?

Was the website Match used in the first form of communication?

Mentioned other non-specified dating apps or websites?

Decisions and Exemptions: (Full/Partial/Refused):**Partial**

Essex Police and in respect of Sec 1(1) (a), Essex Police does hold information relating to your request.

Exemptions have been applied under the following categories:
Section 12(1) and Section 17 of the FOIA

Response:

Please find below the response to your **request issued on 13/03/2019.**

Information correct as of 11/03/2019.

Please find below the response to your request.

FOI 12697 SEXUAL OFFENCES 2014 - 2018**TABLE ONE :- Sexual Offences recorded by Calendar Year showing Online keyword distribution and Outcome 1 disposal**

	Offence Category (as per HOCR)	Calendar Year Recorded					Outcome 1/1a assigned to recorded offence*					Cyber enabled or Online keyword recorded				
		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Other sexual offences	17A-Sexual Assault on a Male aged 13 and over	51	88	80	99	129	8	11	5	4	4					1
	17B-Sexual Assault on a Male Child under 13	36	52	45	72	78	10	14	4	3	4					
	20A-Sexual Assault on a Female aged 13 and over	482	612	657	774	865	108	87	90	55	37		1	3	2	9
	20B-Sexual Assault on a Female child under 13	150	183	164	223	254	52	33	23	11	13					
	21-Sexual Activity involving a Child under 13	134	223	216	254	293	17	25	10	27	8	6	39	31	50	68
	22A-Causing Sexual Activity without Consent	10	8	12	19	16	1									
	22B-Sexual Activity involving child under 16	217	322	335	399	361	45	76	34	46	13	4	34	49	96	55
	23-Incest or familial sexual offences	8	7	11	27	28	2	2		2	1					
	70-Sexual Activity etc. with a person with a Mental Disorder	7	4	8	7	7		1							1	2
	71-Abuse of Children through Sexual Exploitation	10	18	14	19	16	4	14	9	2	3	2	8	2	6	1
	73-Abuse of position of trust of a sexual nature	5	3	7	10	8	5	1	3				1	2	1	
	88A-Sexual Grooming	8	18	36	102	159	3	8	12	32	20		6	12	53	37
	88C-Other Miscellaneous Sexual Offences	2	4	3	3	5		2	1	1						
	88D-Unnatural sexual offences	1														
	88E-Exposure and Voyeurism	251	273	238	260	230	28	41	38	25	21	1	1	2		
Total Offences	1372	1815	1826	2268	2449	283	315	229	208	124	13	90	101	210	172	
Rape	19C-Rape of a Female aged 16 and over	529	629	689	868	1055	68	49	18	25	14				4	4
	19D-Rape of a Female child under 16	100	132	157	154	205	19	8	9	1	4	1	1	1	3	1
	19E-Rape of a Female child under 13	111	134	125	155	145	28	21	7	11	4					
	19F-Rape of a Male aged 16 and over	21	21	18	35	63				1						
	19G-Rape of a Male child under 16	6	11	15	12	18		1	1							
	19H-Rape of a Male child under 13	36	60	59	75	76	13	13	4	2	2					
	Total Offences	803	987	1063	1299	1562	128	92	40	39	24	1	1	1	7	5
Grand Total	2175	2802	2889	3567	4011	411	407	269	247	148	14	91	102	217	177	

Table One shows the number of Sexual Offences recorded by Calendar Year broken down by Offence Category as per the Home Office Counting Rules.

It shows of those offences recorded the number that had an Online Keyword recorded against the Investigation (ie where keyword description equals Cyber Crime, Cyber enabled or Online Crime) together with of those recorded offences the number that to date* have been assigned Outcome One.

* Some of the offences recorded will still be 'live' on the system, that is subject of investigation, and these offences will have as yet had no Crime Outcome assigned.

Please also note that an offence recorded in 2014 will have been subject of investigation a lot longer than one recorded in 2018, the length of time a crime has been investigated having a direct influence on whether a positive outcome has been assigned (to clarify crimes are recorded based on the report creation date, they are 'disposed' or assigned a Crime Outcome based on the Offence Disposal Date.

TABLE TWO :- Sexual Offences committed 'Online' broken down by Calendar Year recorded, Victim age category and Victim to Perpetrator Gender relationship

	Victim Age Category	Calendar Year Recorded				
		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Other sexual offences	No Victim age recorded		2	2	2	1
	No victim details recorded	3	12	11	78	20
	Victim age 0 - 9		9	4	7	5
	Victim age 10 - 14	10	52	60	103	117
	Victim age 15 - 19		13	23	16	22
	Victim age 20 - 29		1	1		3
	Victim age 30 - 39		1		4	2
	Victim age 40 - 49					1
	Victim age 50 - 59					1
	Total Offences	13	90	101	210	172
Rape	Victim age 10 - 14	1	1		3	
	Victim age 15 - 19			1	2	2
	Victim age 20 - 29				1	2
	Victim age 30 - 39				1	1
	Total Offences	1	1	1	7	5
	Grand Total	14	91	102	217	177
Other sexual	Male to Female Offences	0	0	1	3	0
	Male to Male Offences	1	15	21	8	8
	Female to Male Offences	5	32	25	44	33
	Female to Female Offences	0	0	0	0	5
Rape	Male to Female Offences	0	0	0	0	0
	Male to Male Offences	0	0	0	0	0
	Female to Male Offences	1	1	1	7	4
	Female to Female Offences	0	0	0	0	0

Table Two gives a breakdown by victim age category in respect of those Sexual Offences recorded where the Investigation has an Online keyword recorded against the investigation.

The victim to perpetrator gender relationship shown relates to the relationship of the victim to the first perpetrator investigated - to clarify more than one perpetrator in some circumstances can be investigated for an offence.

Data relates to those offences where the victim and perpetrator gender is recorded.