



Response Date:06/05/2025

2025/376 - Group-based contact child sexual exploitation

In response to your recent request for information excess cost is relevant to part which removes the forces obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

We are working towards an estimate of group-based contact child sexual exploitation. To do this we are counting the number of people who have been sentenced for such crimes that would fall into this category.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, would you be able to provide us with the number of cases in your area that have involved more than two people convicted of child sexual exploitation offences that have involved contact rather than just indecent images of children over the last 20 years? If possible can you provide these broken down by year?

Please note:

1. Age of victim is not a stored field; this has been calculated using Victim DOB and Reported Date. This will not be correct in cases where offences are reported significantly later than they occurred, and the list is therefore not exhaustive.
2. A count of offenders per occurrence has been performed and the data filtered to where this count is 3 or more.

Calendar Year	Offence Category Description	Charged Count
2011	Abuse of Children through Sexual Exploitation	3
2006	Sexual Assault On A Female Aged 13 And Over	3
2012	Rape Of A Female Child Under 13	4
2012	Sexual Assault On A Male Aged 13 And Over	3

We do not hold conviction data, you will need to contact the Crown Prosecution service for this data; IAT@cps.gov.uk

Could you also provide names of significant operations in your area that have sought to bring people to justice for these types of crimes (equivalents of Stovewood, Bullfinch or Sanctuary in England) and any numbers for convictions secured from these investigations – again in the last 20 years?

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. To obtain the information in the format you have requested would involve manually reviewing each record on our force system. The cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (FOI) Fees and Appropriate Limit regulations 2004.

Therefore, in accordance with the FOI Act 2000 the information you have requested is exempt under Section 12 (1), and this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (5) of the legislation.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 30/04/2025