



Response Date:06/05/2025

2025/443 - Sexual assault data

Although excess cost removed 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.

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information regarding two questions:

1. The number of reported incidents of:

- a) Rape or attempted rape (Section 1 of the Sexual Offences Act)**
- b) Sexual assault by penetration (Section 2 of the Sexual Offences Act)**
- c) Sexual assault (Section 3 of the Sexual Offences Act)**
- d) Stalking (Section 2 of the Protection from Harassment Act)**
- e) Harassment (Section 2a of the Protection from Harassment Act)**

where the free text associated with the incident report contains any of the following the words:

'online dating', 'internet dating', 'tinder', 'bumble', 'feeld', '[match.com](https://www.match.com)', 'hinge', 'eharmony', 'dating app' or 'plenty of fish'

We would like this information for 1 Jan 2024 to 31 December 2024 (1 year), or the most recent 12 month period available.

Offence Category Code	Offence Category Description	All Offences Count
17A	Sexual Assault On A Male Aged 13 And Over	116
17B	Sexual Assault On A Male Child Under 13	72
19C	Rape Of A Female Aged 16 And Over	497
19D	Rape Of A Female Child Under 16	92
19E	Rape Of A Female Child Under 13	55
19F	Rape Of A Male Aged 16 And Over	40
19G	Rape Of A Male Child Under 16	12

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19H	Rape Of A Male Child Under 13	17
19J	Rape of a female - multiple undefined offenders	10
19K	Rape of a male - multiple undefined offenders	1
20A	Sexual Assault On A Female Aged 13 And Over	604
20B	Sexual Assault On A Female Child Under 13	155
8L	Harassment	4882
8Q	Stalking	2033

2. Of all the reported incidents of sexual assault, rape, and stalking (etc) made to your constabulary in the most recent 12-month period, what proportion involved cases where the victim first met or connected with the perpetrator through a dating app?

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