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2025/484 - Paedophile Hunters

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;

By 'paedophile hunter' I mean a group of people or individual who gather their own evidence of alleged paedophiles.

1. In how many cases was the evidence provided by 'paedophile hunters' admissible as evidence for each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024?

2. How many people were charged because of evidence supplied to the police from 'paedophile hunters' in each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024?

Child Sexual Offences 01/01/22 to 20/01/25 with keyword search for "paedophile hunter" in either occurrence summary or oel:

Calendar Year	HO Code	HO Description	Arrest Y/N	Outcome
2020	022/20	Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, no penetration, offender aged 18 or over	Y	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition
2020	022/08	Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, penetration,	Y	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition

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		offender aged 18 or over		
2020	021/03	Causing or inciting a female child under 13 to engage in sexual activity - no penetration	Y	01A. Alternate Offence Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition
2020	021/03	Causing or inciting a female child under 13 to engage in sexual activity - no penetration	Y	15. CPS Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties
2020	021/03	Causing or inciting a female child under 13 to engage in sexual activity - no penetration	Y	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition
2020	022/08	Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, penetration, offender aged 18 or over	N	20. Other Body / Agency has Investigation Primacy
2020	022/08	Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, penetration, offender aged 18 or over	Y	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition
2020	022/21	Causing or inciting a male child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, no penetration, offender aged 18 or over	Y	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition
2020	022/20	Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, no penetration, offender aged 18 or over	Y	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition
2020	022/20	Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, no penetration, offender aged 18 or over	Y	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition
2020	022/08	Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, penetration, offender aged 18 or over	Y	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition
2020	071/17	Engage in sexual communication with a child	Y	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition
2020	086/10	Possession of an indecent or pseudo-photograph of a child	Y	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties
2020	071/17	Engage in sexual communication with a child	Y	15. CPS Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties
2020	022/20	Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, no penetration, offender aged 18 or over	Y	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties
2021	071/17	Engage in sexual communication with a child	Y	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties
2021	022/20	Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, no penetration,	Y	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition

		offender aged 18 or over		
2021	086/02	Take / make / distribute indecent photographs or pseudo- photographs, of children Obscene Publications	Y	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition
2021	022/20	Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, no penetration, offender aged 18 or over	N	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified
2021	022/08	Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, penetration, offender aged 18 or over	Y	01A. Alternate Offence Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition
2021	022/08	Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, penetration, offender aged 18 or over	Y	01A. Alternate Offence Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition
2021	021/03	Causing or inciting a female child under 13 to engage in sexual activity - no penetration	Y	01A. Alternate Offence Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition
2021	022/20	Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, no penetration, offender aged 18 or over	Y	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition
2021	022/20	Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, no penetration, offender aged 18 or over	Y	15. CPS Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties
2021	021/02	Causing or inciting a female child under 13 to engage in sexual activity - penetration	Y	01A. Alternate Offence Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition
2021	071/17	Engage in sexual communication with a child	N	09. CPS Prosecution Not In Public Interest
2022	022/08	Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, penetration, offender aged 18 or over	Y	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition
2022	022/20	Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, no penetration, offender aged 18 or over	Y	01A. Alternate Offence Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition
2022	022/20	Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, no penetration, offender aged 18 or over	Y	01A. Alternate Offence Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition
2022	021/03	Causing or inciting a female child under 13 to engage in sexual activity - no penetration	Y	01A. Alternate Offence Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition
2022	022/08	Causing or inciting a female child under 16	Y	01A. Alternate Offence Charged / Summoned / Postal

		to engage in sexual activity, penetration, offender aged 18 or over		Requisition
2022	021/02	Causing or inciting a female child under 13 to engage in sexual activity - penetration	Y	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition
2022	071/17	Engage in sexual communication with a child	Y	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition
2022	022/20	Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, no penetration, offender aged 18 or over	Y	01A. Alternate Offence Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition
2022	022/20	Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, no penetration, offender aged 18 or over	Y	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition
2022	071/17	Engage in sexual communication with a child	N	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition
2022	022/20	Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, no penetration, offender aged 18 or over	Y	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition
2022	086/02	Take / make / distribute indecent photographs or pseudo- photographs, of children Obscene Publications	Y	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition
2022	022/08	Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, penetration, offender aged 18 or over	Y	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition
2022	022/20	Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, no penetration, offender aged 18 or over	Y	01A. Alternate Offence Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition
2022	022/20	Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, no penetration, offender aged 18 or over	Y	01A. Alternate Offence Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition
2022	071/17	Engage in sexual communication with a child	Y	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition
2022	071/17	Engage in sexual communication with a child	Y	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition
2022	022/20	Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, no penetration, offender aged 18 or over	N	21. Police Named Suspect, Investigation Not in the Public Interest
2023	022/20	Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, no penetration, offender aged 18 or over	Y	01A. Alternate Offence Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition

2023	021/03	Causing or inciting a female child under 13 to engage in sexual activity - no penetration	Y	01A. Alternate Offence Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition
2023	022/08	Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, penetration, offender aged 18 or over	Y	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition
2023	022/20	Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, no penetration, offender aged 18 or over	N	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified
2023	022/21	Causing or inciting a male child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, no penetration, offender aged 18 or over	Y	03. Adult Caution /Conditional Caution
2023	022/08	Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, penetration, offender aged 18 or over	Y	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition
2023	071/17	Engage in sexual communication with a child	Y	Outcome Not Yet Assigned
2023	022/20	Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, no penetration, offender aged 18 or over	N	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition
2023	022/20	Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, no penetration, offender aged 18 or over	Y	Outcome Not Yet Assigned
2023	022/20	Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, no penetration, offender aged 18 or over	Y	01A. Alternate Offence Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition
2023	071/17	Engage in sexual communication with a child	Y	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties
2023	071/17	Engage in sexual communication with a child	Y	15. CPS Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties
2023	071/17	Engage in sexual communication with a child	Y	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties
2023	022/20	Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, no penetration, offender aged 18 or over	Y	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition
2023	071/17	Engage in sexual communication with a child	Y	Outcome Not Yet Assigned

2023	022/08	Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, penetration, offender aged 18 or over	Y	01A. Alternate Offence Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition
2023	022/20	Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, no penetration, offender aged 18 or over	Y	Outcome Not Yet Assigned
2024	071/17	Engage in sexual communication with a child	Y	Outcome Not Yet Assigned
2024	021/03	Causing or inciting a female child under 13 to engage in sexual activity - no penetration	Y	Outcome Not Yet Assigned
2024	071/17	Engage in sexual communication with a child	N	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender
2024	071/17	Engage in sexual communication with a child	Y	Outcome Not Yet Assigned
2024	022/20	Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, no penetration, offender aged 18 or over	Y	01A. Alternate Offence Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition
2024	022/20	Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, no penetration, offender aged 18 or over	Y	Outcome Not Yet Assigned
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2024	022/20	Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, no penetration, offender aged 18 or over	Y	Outcome Not Yet Assigned
2024	071/17	Engage in sexual communication with a child	N	Outcome Not Yet Assigned
2024	071/17	Engage in sexual communication with a child	Y	Outcome Not Yet Assigned
2024	021/03	Causing or inciting a female child under 13 to engage in sexual activity - no penetration	N	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified
2024	022/20	Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, no penetration,	Y	Outcome Not Yet Assigned

		offender aged 18 or over		
2024	022/20	Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity, no penetration, offender aged 18 or over	Y	Outcome Not Yet Assigned

3. In how many cases were the evidence not admissible for each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024?

4. How many cases resulted in a mistrial because of evidence submitted from a 'paedophile hunter' for each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024?

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.

5. What percentage of cases of the crime of meeting a child following sexual grooming involved evidence from a 'pedophile hunter' for each of the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024?

This is not information recorded by North Wales Police.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 01/05/2025