



Response Date:13/10/2026

2026/1039 - Controlling or Coercive Behaviour

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;

Freedom of Information Request - Controlling or Coercive Behaviour by Suspect Sex, 2018-2025

Please provide the following for each calendar year from 2018 to 2025 inclusive concerning offences of controlling or coercive behaviour under section 76 Serious Crime Act 2015.

Where sex is requested, please use the sex recorded on the police record.

- 1. Number of recorded offences involving:**
 - * male suspect;**
 - * female suspect;**
 - * suspect sex unknown/not recorded.**

count of suspects - occurrences with multiple suspects will be counted multiple times;

	Female	Male	Not Recorded	Other	Unknown
2018	20	368			
2019	35	384			
2020	65	557			
2021	148	950	1		

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2022	143	919	1		
2023	142	865	4		
2024	167	833	9		1
2025	164	860	9	1	

Count of Occurrences: Occurrences with no suspect lined will not be counted in the above table;

Calendar Year	Count
2018	404
2019	437
2020	663
2021	1177
2022	1142
2023	1113
2024	1123
2025	1115

- 2. For male and female suspects separately, number resulting in:**
- * **charge/summons for controlling or coercive behaviour;**
 - * **charge/summons for an alternative offence;**
 - * **Outcome 15;**
 - * **Outcome 16;**
 - * **other outcomes resulting in no prosecution;**
 - * **caution/other out-of-court disposal;**
 - * **investigation ongoing.**

Count of Occurrences - one occurrence may appear multiple times if there are multiple suspects;

		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Female	01A. Alternate Offence Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition						1	1	1
	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	1	1		1	1	1	1	
	09. CPS Prosecution Not In Public Interest					3	1	1	
	10. Police Formal Action Not In Public Interest	1	1	6	7	8	2	1	
	12. Named Suspect Too Ill To Prosecute						1		
	13. Named Suspect but Victim / Key Witness Deceased or Too Ill				1			1	
	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	1		1			1		
	15. CPS Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	2	1	4	10	4	10	9	5
	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	6	7	17	31	25	43	98	76
	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	5	20	35	93	94	71	48	68
	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified				2		6	2	4
	20. Other Body / Agency has Investigation Primacy	3	4	1	5	10	7	7	8
	21. Police Named Suspect, Investigation Not in the Public Interest	1	1	4	2	2	2	1	1
	Outcome Not Yet Assigned								8
Female									

Male	01A. Alternate Offence Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	18	1		1		5	6	23
	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	10	9	17	15	32	40	39	30
	05. Offender Has Died							1	
	09. CPS Prosecution Not In Public Interest	2	1	6	8	5	5	1	
	10. Police Formal Action Not In Public Interest	14	12	9	29	23	3		
	11. Named Suspect Below Age of Criminal Responsibility					1			
	12. Named Suspect Too Ill To Prosecute				2	4	2	1	1
	13. Named Suspect but Victim / Key Witness Deceased or Too Ill	1				2	2		
	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	2	2	6	5	2		1	
	15. CPS Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	54	60	42	68	86	93	62	54
	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	108	93	144	256	190	198	373	393

	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	143	171	321	520	493	480	308	345
	17. Suspect Identified but Prosecution Time Limit Expired	3	1	2		1		3	
	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	2			11	6	35	27	15
	20. Other Body / Agency has Investigation Primacy	15	32	12	49	83	21	27	18
	21. Police Named Suspect, Investigation Not in the Public Interest	4	8	7	14	9			
	22. Checkpoint				2				
	Outcome Not Yet Assigned				2	1	4	20	27
Male									

Not Recorded	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties							3	3
	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified				1	1	3	2	5
	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified								1
	20. Other Body / Agency has Investigation Primacy						1	3	
	Outcome Not Yet Assigned							1	
Not Recorded									

Other	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties								1
Other									

Unknown	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified							1	
Unknown									

3. Number of male and female suspects arrested for controlling or coercive behaviour, where readily retrievable.

Count of Nominals arrested

	Female	Male
2018	4	132
2019	1	88
2020	3	94
2021	19	102
2022	7	102
2023	35	309
2024	45	358
2025	46	389

4. Number of male and female suspects referred to the CPS for a charging decision and, if held, number for whom the CPS authorised a charge.

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.

We are unable to extract this information from RMS, however Q2 contains a breakdown of OC15 which indicates whether CPS have rejected a charging decision, or Police have decided not to charge, as well as details of charges.

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. Please provide, where retrievable, the number of recorded CCB cases involving:**
- * male suspect/female victim;**
 - * male suspect/male victim;**
 - * female suspect/male victim;**
 - * female suspect/female victim.**

For each combination, please also provide the number resulting in charge/summons.

Please confirm:

a. whether figures represent offences, suspects, crime-suspect records or unique individuals; b. whether one offence involving multiple suspects can appear more than once; c. any significant recording-system/practice changes during 2018-2025 affecting comparison between years.

I would prefer CSV or Excel format.

If information is already published, please provide the relevant link.

If any element exceeds the section 12 cost limit, please provide the remaining information and advise under section 16 how the excluded element could be narrowed.

Occurrence counts - occurrences with multiple suspects will be counted multiple times. Includes occurrences with a linked suspect only

	Female suspect/Female victim	Female suspect/Male victim	Male suspect/Female victim	Male suspect/Male victim	No suspect / victim data available
2018	4	16	374	2	
2019	12	23	384	5	1
2020	12	53	545	19	3
2021	39	113	933	45	5
2022	35	111	898	36	6
2023	41	104	856	26	10
2024	46	117	834	23	29
2025	51	117	868	23	28

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 12/10/2026