



Response Date: 27/01/2026

2026/063 - Dating app offences

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

1) How many sexual offences or harassment offences resulting from meeting a stranger via a dating app/website were reported to your force in the past three years? Please provide one figure for reports of harassment and one for reports of sexual offences for each of the following years: 2023, 2024 and 2025.

To find these reports, please look for all those which contain at least one phrase from the following list:

Tinder, Bumble, Feeld, Grindr, Plenty of Fish, Match.com, eharmony, EliteSingles, Elite Singles, Happn, Kippo, OkCupid, OK Cupid, Facebook Dating, SilverSingles, silver singles, Parship, Original Dating, Muddy Matches, Badoo, Veggly, Christian Connection, Muzz, Muzmatch, Muzzmatch, Musmatch, and JDate.

Please also look for reports that contain the phrase 'Hinge', 'HER', 'Inner Circle', 'Salt', 'Our Time', or 'Muzz' AND one of the following words: 'Date', 'dating', 'app', 'met', 'match', 'matchmaker', 'matchmaking'.

Please only include the reports in which a sexual offence or harassment offence has been reported and you can confirm that the victim and accused met on a dating app or website.

Please also include a breakdown of how many reported offences resulted from each app or website.

3) How many of the victims in these reports were biological women? How many were biological men?

4) What were the ages of these victims? Please split them into the following brackets: Under 16, 16 to 18, 18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65+.

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5) Please provide me with a figure for how many of these reports resulted in charges AND, if possible, a list of the accused who went to court. From there I will get in touch with HM Courts to find out how many were convicted.

Sexual Offences

Calendar Year	Offence HO Group1	Victim Gender	SO - Victim Age	SO - Outcome	Summary
2023	02. Sexual Offences	F	51	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	the IP has reported that she met up with an unknown Male from Facebook Dating. At end of the date the Male unbuttoned his trousers, grabbed the IP's hand and tried to force her hand down his trousers.

Harrassment

Calendar Year	Offence Category Description	Victim Gender	H - Victim Age	H - Outcome	Summary
2023	Harassment	M	31	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	IP met a girl on Tinder and they started talking, he then told her he just wanted to be friends and since then IP has received constant messages and threats via Whats App and calls.
2024	Harassment	F	63	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	IP is having on-going issues with a male she met on tinder. The Suspect continues to send unwanted messages.
2025	Harassment	M	29	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	harassment whereby the victim has received multiple unwanted sexual messages from the suspect via grindr.

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UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 26/01/2026