



Response Date:13/10/2026

2026/1019 - Voluntary interviews/voluntary attendance at police station with child suspects

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I would be grateful if you could provide the following information relating to voluntary interviews/voluntary attendance at police station with child suspects (aged 10 -17 years old) for each calendar between 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2025:

- Methods of recording, such as audio, video, or written records (particularly whether Body-Worn Cameras were used).

I am requesting anonymised data only, so do not require names, dates of birth, addresses, crime reference numbers or any other information capable of directly identifying individual children.

If any part of this request exceeds the appropriate cost limit, I would be grateful if you could advise me how the scope of the request might be refined so that the information can be provided. If the time period I am requesting is too broad, then data for the latest completed calendar year would also be appreciated.

If any of the requested information is already publicly available, please provide a link to the relevant publication or dataset.

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.

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.

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We are unable to filter to methods of recording, however we have provided the number of Voluntary Attendance broken down by year and age.

Count of Id	Column Labels					Grand Total
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
Age						
10	1	7	1	4	2	15
11	8	12	15	13	10	58
12	24	22	43	39	36	164
13	50	74	69	58	44	295
14	61	97	83	67	87	395
15	64	103	103	74	71	415
16	75	76	66	83	68	368
17	71	60	59	51	74	315
Grand Total	354	451	439	389	392	2025

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