



Response Date:02/03/2026

2026/166 - Recording of data

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

With regard to the recording of crime data relating to suspects, offenders, witnesses and victims, please provide:

1. Clarification of which of the following characteristics you record:

- a. Sex** – Victim details collected if offered the definition would be in line with ADR 158 that sex should be recorded in line with information on the individual's birth certificate or gender recognition certificate
- b. Gender** – Currently collected for all nominals where possible - definition as per the simple definition characteristics of the gender or self-defined.
- c. Gender identity** – Not currently collected unless offered
- d. Gender reassignment** - Not currently collected unless offered

2. Include the definitions of the above categories at a-d currently used by your force. –
Any data would be collected in line with the Protected Characteristics Coding Scheme

3. Provide your policy guidelines for the categories that you record.
As above

No information held.

4. Clarify on what basis the recording of sex is based. If based upon self definition by the person concerned only, please specify this. If any other factor applies, please specify this.

Please see the answer to Q1.

5. Provide a copy of any communication to your staff regarding the implementation and application of this policy/guidance.

Please see the answer to Q3.

6. With specific regard to the recording of crime data in relation to rape offences, specify on what basis the sex of the offender is recorded. For clarity, if recorded on the basis of self definition by the alleged offender, please specify this.

Currently we record gender as per the above/simple definition characteristics of the gender or self-defined.

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7. Provide your crime data for rapes reported Jan 2025-Jan 2026 to include number of rapes reported, total number of offenders recorded, breakdown of offenders by sex.

Occurrence Count
697

Suspect Gender	Suspect Count
F	5
M	453

Offender Gender	Offender Count
M	27

Please note: The number of offenders appears to be low because a lot are still open investigations. The offender class is only where there has been charge to date (and may increase as more investigations are completed).

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 27/02/2026