



Response Date:04/06/2026

2026/538 - Dating app linked rape allegations

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I would like to request the following information relating to rape allegations linked to dating applications. Please provide data for the period beginning 1 January 2019 up to 20 May 2026.

I am requesting:

- 1. The total number of recorded rape allegations/offences in which any of the following dating applications were referenced within the method of attack, occurrence log, crime report, investigation notes or any searchable field:**
 - Tinder
 - Hinge
 - Bumble
 - Grindr
 - Feeld
 - Plenty of Fish / POF
 - Match.com
 - Happn
 - Badoo
 - eHarmony
- 2. Where possible, please provide a yearly breakdown for:**
 - 2019
 - 2020
 - 2021
 - 2022
 - 2023
 - 2024
 - 2025

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- **2026 (as of 20 May)**
- 3. Please also provide, where available:**
 - **The age of the victim (or age bracket if exact age cannot be disclosed)**
 - **The age of the suspect**
 - **Whether the suspect and complainant were previously unknown to one another**
 - **The specific dating application referenced**

For clarity, I am referring to rape offences recorded as:

- **rape of a female aged 16 or over**
- **rape of a male aged 16 or over**
- **Any equivalent rape offence classifications involving victims under 16 where the dating app was referenced**

If your systems cannot conduct searches across all requested applications, please conduct keyword searches for the individual app names listed above.

Rape offences recorded 2019-2026 with keyword (KW) search of the occurrence summary for the requested dating apps and "dating app" / "dating site" / "dating website".

Calendar Year	Offence Category Description	Victim Gender	Victim Age	Suspect Gender	Suspect Age	Outcome	Dating App/Site KW	Tinder KW	Hinge KW	Bumble KW	Grindr KW	Feeld KW	Plenty of Fish	Match Com KW	Happn KW	Badoo KW	eHarmony KW
2019	Rape Of A Male Aged 16 And Over	M	33	M	56	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
2019	Rape Of A Male Aged 16 And Over	M	33	M	49	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
2019	Rape Of A Male Aged 16 And Over	F	31	M	24	15. CPS Named Suspect, Victim Supports but	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

						Evidential Difficulties												
2019	Rape Of A Female Aged 16 And Over	F	25		No DOB Recorded	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
2019	Rape Of A Male Aged 16 And Over	M	23		No DOB Recorded	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
2020	Rape Of A Female Child Under 16	F	31	M	31	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
2020	Rape Of A Female Aged 16 And Over	F	45	M	38	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

2020	Rape Of A Male Aged 16 And Over	M	18		No DOB Recorded	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N
2020	Rape Of A Female Aged 16 And Over	F	71	M	58	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
2021	Rape Of A Male Aged 16 And Over	M	40		No DOB Recorded	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
2021	Rape Of A Male Aged 16 And Over	I	19		No DOB Recorded	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
2022	Rape Of A Female Aged 16 And Over	F	37		No DOB Recorded	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

2022	Rape Of A Female Aged 16 And Over	F	52	M	58	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
2022	Rape Of A Female Aged 16 And Over	F	35	M	38	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
2022	Rape Of A Female Aged 16 And Over	F	53		No DOB Recorded	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
2022	Rape Of A Male Aged 16 And Over	M	19	M	39	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
2022	Rape Of A Male Aged 16 And Over	M	43		No DOB Recorded	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

2022	Rape Of A Female Aged 16 And Over	F	27	M	35	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
2023	Rape Of A Female Aged 16 And Over	F	32	M	59	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
2023	Rape Of A Female Aged 16 And Over	F	26	M	31	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
2023	Rape Of A Female Aged 16 And Over	F	27	M	32	15. CPS Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
2023	Rape Of A Female Aged 16 And Over	F	35		No DOB Recorded	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

2024	Rape Of A Female Aged 16 And Over	F	28		No DOB Recorded	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
2024	Rape Of A Female Aged 16 And Over	F	19	M	20	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
2024	Rape Of A Female Aged 16 And Over	F	23	M	32	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

The summaries for each offence have been read to establish if the suspect and complainant were previously unknown to one another, it appears all have met on the dating app.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 29/05/2026