



Response Date:17/07/2026

2026/684 - Missing persons

In response to your recent request for information, excess cost is relevant to part which removes 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.

Please provide the following information for the period 1 January 2025 - 31 December 2025.

How many individual children (those aged 0 - 17) were reported missing in your policing area?

1,069

How many missing incidents were reported in relation to those missing children (those aged 0 - 17)?

3,197

How many individual adults (those aged 18+) were reported missing in your policing area?

1,249

How many missing incidents were reported in relation to those missing adults (those aged 18+)?

1,576

In how many missing incidents was a safe and well check / prevention interview conducted:

In relation to missing child incidents

In relation to missing adult incidents

In how many safe and well check / prevention interviews were the following risk factors identified in relation to missing children?

Mental health

Child sexual exploitation

Child criminal exploitation

In how many safe and well check / prevention interviews were the following risk factors identified in relation to missing adults?

Mental health

Sexual exploitation

Criminal exploitation

In how many safe and well check / prevention interviews was harm identified:

In relation to missing child incidents

In relation to missing adult incidents

In how many safe and well check / prevention interviews was a referral made as a result of the safe and well check in relation to missing children:

Number of PPN reports submitted

The number of other referrals made

In how many safe and well check / prevention interviews was a referral made as a result of the safe and well check in relation to missing adults:

Number of PPN reports submitted

The number of other referrals made

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.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 15/07/2026