



Response Date: 18/09/2026

2026/938 - Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I would be grateful if you could provide data for the period 1 January 2018 to 31 August 2026 relating to the following offences:

- 1. Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm, as introduced by the Online Safety Act 2023.**
- 2. Section 2 of the Suicide Act 1961 (encouraging or assisting suicide).**

Requested Information

For each of the above offences, please provide annual figures for the period specified, broken down by:

- * Number of individuals cautioned**
- * Number of individuals charged**
- * Number of individuals prosecuted (i.e., cases brought before a court)**
- * Number of convictions secured (if held by your organisation)**

Demographic Breakdown

Where available, please also provide demographic information for both victims and suspected perpetrators, broken down as follows:

Victims

- * Gender**
- * Age (either exact age or age bands, depending on what is held)**

Perpetrators / Suspects

- * Gender**
- * Age (either exact age or age bands)**

If demographic data is not held for all stages (e.g., cautions vs. prosecutions), please provide it for any stage where it is recorded.

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Occurrences

Reported Year	HO Code	HO Description	Outcome	Count Suspects	Count Cautioned	Count Charged
2018	076/01	Encouraging or assisting a suicide or attempted suicide	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	1	0	0
2018	076/01	Encouraging or assisting a suicide or attempted suicide	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	1	0	0
2021	076/01	Encouraging or assisting a suicide or attempted suicide	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	1	0	0
2022	076/01	Encouraging or assisting a suicide or attempted suicide	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	1	0	0
2024	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	0	0	0
2024	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	2	0	0
2024	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	1	0	0
2024	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	1	0	0
2024	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	0	0	0
2024	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	20. Other Body / Agency has Investigation Primacy	1	0	0
2024	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	1	0	0
2024	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	1	0	0
2025	076/01	Encouraging or assisting a suicide or attempted suicide	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	1	0	0

2025	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	1	0	0
2025	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	1	0	0
2025	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	1	0	0
2025	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	2	0	0
2025	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	1	0	0
2025	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	0	0	0
2025	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	1	0	0
2025	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	1	0	0
2025	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	0	0	0
2025	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	1	0	0
2025	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	0	0	0
2025	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	0	0	0
2025	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	0	0	0
2025	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	0	0	0
2025	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	0	0	0
2025	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	0	0	0
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	0	0	0

2026	076/01	Encouraging or assisting a suicide or attempted suicide	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	0	0	0
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	1	0	0
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	1	0	0
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	1	0	0
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	21. Police Named Suspect, Investigation Not in the Public Interest	1	0	0
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	1	0	0
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	0	0	0
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	1	0	0
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	3	0	0
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	1	0	0
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	0	0	0
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	3	0	0
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	0	0	0
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	1	0	0
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	1	0	0

Aggreived - Nominals linked to occurrences in table 1 where involved classification is aggrieved or deceased

Reported Year	HO Code	HO Description	Outcome	Person ID	Aggrieved Flag	Gender	Age
2018	076/01	Encouraging or assisting a suicide or attempted suicide	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	Y	Male	92
2018	076/01	Encouraging or assisting a suicide or attempted suicide	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	Y	Female	90
2021	076/01	Encouraging or assisting a suicide or attempted suicide	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Y	Y	Male	78
2022	076/01	Encouraging or assisting a suicide or attempted suicide	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	N	Y	Not Recorded	No DOB
2022	076/01	Encouraging or assisting a suicide or attempted suicide	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	Y	Male	67
2024	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	Y	Y	Female	17
2024	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Y	Y	Female	13
2024	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	Y	Female	15
2024	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	Y	Male	17
2024	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Y	Y	Male	17
2024	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	20. Other Body / Agency has Investigation Primacy	Y	Y	Female	33

2024	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	Y	Female	14
2024	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Y	Y	Female	11
2025	076/01	Encouraging or assisting a suicide or attempted suicide	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	Y	Male	17
2025	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	Y	Male	29
2025	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	Y	Female	31
2025	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	Y	Female	13
2025	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	Y	Female	14
2025	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	Y	Female	14
2025	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	Y	Male	47
2025	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Y	Y	Female	14
2025	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Y	Y	Female	17
2025	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	Y	Female	20

2025	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	Y	Y	Female	16
2025	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	Y	Female	44
2025	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	Y	Male	14
2025	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	Y	Y	Female	15
2025	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Y	Y	Male	13
2025	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Y	Y	Female	22
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	Y	Male	12
2026	076/01	Encouraging or assisting a suicide or attempted suicide	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Y	Y	Female	14
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Y	Y	Female	19
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Y	Y	Female	49
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	Y	Female	24
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	21. Police Named Suspect, Investigation Not in the Public Interest	Y	Y	Female	14
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	Y	Y	Male	12

2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	Y	Y	Female	18
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Y	Y	Female	13
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	Y	Female	15
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	Y	Female	13
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Y	Y	Female	14
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	Y	Y	Male	12
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	Y	Y	Female	40
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Y	Y	Male	38
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	Y	Y	Female	28

Suspect - Nominals linked to occurrences in Table 1 with suspect classification

Reported Year	HO Code	HO Description	Outcome	Person ID	Suspect Flag	Cautioned Flag	Charged Flag	Gender	Age
2018	076/01	Encouraging or assisting a suicide or attempted suicide	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	Y	N	N	Female	45
2018	076/01	Encouraging or assisting a suicide or attempted suicide	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	Y	N	N	Female	45
2021	076/01	Encouraging or assisting a suicide or attempted suicide	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Y	Y	N	N	Female	66

2022	076/01	Encouraging or assisting a suicide or attempted suicide	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	Y	N	N	Male	67
2024	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Y	Y	N	N	Female	13
2024	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Y	Y	N	N	Not Recorded	13
2024	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	Y	N	N	Not Recorded	13
2024	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	Y	N	N	Female	17
2024	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	20. Other Body / Agency has Investigation Primacy	Y	Y	N	N	Male	21
2024	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	Y	N	N	Female	18
2024	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Y	Y	N	N	Female	11
2025	076/01	Encouraging or assisting a suicide or attempted suicide	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	Y	N	N	Female	46
2025	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	Y	N	N	Female	24
2025	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	Y	N	N	Female	35
2025	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	Y	N	N	Female	13

2025	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	Y	N	N	Male	12
2025	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	Y	N	N	Male	14
2025	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	Y	N	N	Female	14
2025	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	Y	N	N	Female	43
2025	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Y	Y	N	N	Male	13
2025	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	Y	N	N	Female	32
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Y	Y	N	N	Female	43
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Y	Y	N	N	Female	48
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	Y	N	N	Male	23
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	21. Police Named Suspect, Investigation Not in the Public Interest	Y	Y	N	N	Female	15
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	Y	Y	N	N	Male	14
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Y	Y	N	N	Female	13

2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	Y	N	N	Female	15
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	Y	N	N	Female	14
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	Y	N	N	Female	14
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Y	Y	N	N	Female	18
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	Y	Y	N	N	Male	12
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	Y	Y	N	N	Male	12
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	Y	Y	N	N	Not Recorded	No DOB
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Y	Y	N	N	Female	40
2026	005/30	Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	Y	Y	N	N	Male	21

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 16/09/2026