



Response Date:15/09/2026

2026/903 - Obscene images

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

For the last five calendar years (2021 - 2025) and for 2026 to date (1 Jan - 31 Aug), please provide the following information in relation to offences recorded under offence codes 8605 and 8612 (possession of extreme pornographic images). To identify relevant records, please search any MO text, occurrence summary, crime summary, investigation log, or equivalent free-text field for the terms:

- strangulation
- strangling
- strangle
- strangled
- choking
- choked
- choke
- chokehold
- suffocation
- suffocating
- suffocate
- suffocated
- asphyxiation

For records identified by that search, please provide:

1. The number of matching offences by year;
2. The number that resulted in:
 - a. an arrest; and
 - b. a charge.

For the cases recorded in 2026, please provide an anonymised summary of the incident.

Just to clarify the below, rather than searching specifically in the offence codes 8605 and 8612, please make a wider search under Home Office category "86 Obscene Publications". I understand there are additional offence codes under which offences involving strangulation-related content could be recorded

Search for 86 Offence Code Offences 2021-2026 + occurrence summary keyword searches - nil return.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 08/09/2026

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