

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act. The Children's Society is seeking to establish the scale of sexual offences recorded against all children under the age of 18 and within that data to specifically establish the level of sexual offences against children aged 16 and 17. The Children's Society is also seeking the recorded outcomes for the sexual offences. The data will be used for a national level report on children who have been victims of crimes of a sexual nature. The data has been requested in quarters for your ease to reflect how it is recorded. If you cannot provide it by quarters please provide the total for each offence.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Iryna Pona, Policy Manager at The Children's Society on Iryna.Pona@childrenssociety.org.uk or on 020 7841 4400.

1) For the last four quarters for which data is available how many sexual offences were recorded against children under the age of 13 for the following sexual offences :

Offence	Q.3 (1 October 2015 -31 December 2015)	Q.4 (1 January 2016 -31 March 2016)	Q.1.(April 2016 - 31 June 2016)	Q.2 (1 July 2016 – 31 September 2016)	Total number of sexual offences against children under 13 from 1 October 2015 to 31 September 2016
Rape of a male child under 13	17	28	15	28	88
Rape of a female child under 13	54	50	49	37	190
Sexual assault on a male child under 13	35	43	23	25	126
Sexual assault on a female child under 13.	69	84	92	78	323
Sexual grooming	1	1			2
Sexual activity involving a child under 13	6	2	12	10	30
Abuse of children through sexual					

exploitation					
Abuse of a position of trust of a sexual nature		2	1		3
Incest or familial sexual offences	2	3	3	4	12
Indecent photographs of children					
Trafficking for sexual exploitation					
Sexual activity with a person with mental disorder					
Causing sexual activity without consent					
Exposure and Voyeurism	6	3	5	3	17
Other miscellaneous sexual offences	55	57	69	52	233
Total:	245	273	269	237	1024

2) Out of the total number of sexual offences recorded in question 1), how many were assigned the following outcomes for children under the age of 13?

Outcomes	Total number of each outcome from 1 October 2015 to 31 September 2016
Charged/ Summoned	243
Out – of- court (formal and informal)	8
Prosecution prevented or not in the public interest.	18
Evidential Difficulties (victim supports action)	297
Evidential Difficulties (victim does not support action)	222
Investigation complete - no suspect identified	156
Action undertaken by another body/agency	
Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest	6
Offences not yet assigned an outcome (incomplete/on-going)	
Total number of outcomes recorded:	950

3) For the last four quarters for which data is available how many sexual offences were recorded against children under 16 (aged 13, 14, 15) for the following sexual offences :

Offence	Q.3 (1 October 2015 -31 December 2015)	Q.4 (1 January 2016 -31 March 2016)	Q.1.(April 2016 - 31 June 2016)	Q.2 (1 July 2016 – 31 September 2016)	Total number of sexual offences against children aged 13,14,15 from 1 October 2015 to 31 September 2016
Rape of a female child under 16	35	59	68	35	197
Rape of a male child under 16	3	1	1	6	11
Sexual assault on a female aged 13 and over	54	65	71	60	250
Sexual assault on a male aged 13 and over	3	10	7	5	25
Sexual grooming	5	2	1	3	11
Sexual activity involving a child	77	88	69	53	287

Abuse of children through sexual exploitation					
Abuse of a position of trust of a sexual nature			2	1	3
Incest or familial sexual offences	3		1	1	5
Indecent photographs of children					
Trafficking for sexual exploitation					
Indecent photographs of children					
Sexual activity with a person with mental disorder					
Causing sexual activity without consent					

Exposure and Voyeurism	2	4	4	3	13
Other miscellaneous sexual offences	61	57	70	71	259
Total:	241	286	294	238	1059

4) Out of the total number of sexual offences recorded in question 3), how many were assigned the following outcomes for children under 16 aged 13, 14, 15?

Prosecution Outcomes	Total number of each outcome from 1 October 2015 to 31 September 2016
Charged/ Summoned	149
Out – of- court (formal and informal)	12
Prosecution prevented or not in the public interest.	8
Evidential Difficulties (victim supports action)	273
Evidential Difficulties (victim does not support action)	366
Investigation complete - no suspect identified	213
Action undertaken by another body/agency	

Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest	8
Offences not yet assigned an outcome (incomplete/on-going)	
Total number of outcomes recorded	1029

5) In the last four quarters for which data is available how many sexual offences were recorded against children under 18 (aged 16 and 17) for the following sexual offences:

Offence	Q.3 (1 October 2015 -31 December 2015)	Q.4 (1 January 2016 -31 March 2016)	Q.1.(April 2016 - 31 June 2016)	Q.2 (1 July 2016 – 31 September 2016)	Total number of sexual offences against children aged 13,14,15 from 1 October 2015 to 31 September 2016
Rape of a female 16+	21	34	24	36	115
Rape of a male 16+	1		2	4	7
Sexual assault on a male (aged 13 and over.)	2	2	2	3	9
Sexual assault on a female (aged 13 and over)	28	48	44	34	154

Abuse of children through sexual exploitation					
Abuse of a position of trust of a sexual nature	2	1	1	5	9
Incest or familial sexual offences				2	2
Indecent photographs of children					
Trafficking for sexual exploitation					
Sexual activity with a person with mental disorder					
Causing sexual activity without consent	2	1		2	5
Exposure and Voyeurism	9	6	2	1	18
Other miscellaneous sexual offences	34	60	55	52	201

Total	99	152	130	139	520
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6) Out of the total number of sexual offences recorded in question 5), how many were assigned the following outcomes for children aged 16- 17?

Prosecution Outcomes	Total number of each outcome from 1 October 2015 to 31 September 2016
Charged/ Summoned	58
Out – of- court (formal and informal)	4
Prosecution prevented or not in the public interest.	1
Evidential Difficulties (victim supports action)	112
Evidential Difficulties (victim does not support action)	99
Investigation complete - no suspect identified	74
Action undertaken by another body/agency	
Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest	

Offences not yet assigned an outcome (incomplete/on-going)	
Total number of outcomes recorded	348

7) In the last 4 quarters for which data is available how many offences were recorded under the category of “coercive and controlling behaviour” recorded against young people aged 16 – 17?

Coercive and Controlling Behaviour	Q.3 (1 October 2015 -31 December 2015)	Q.4 (1 January 2016 -31 March 2016)	Q.1.(April 2016 - 31 June 2016)	Q.2 (1 July 2016 – 31 September 2016)	Total number of coercive and controlling behaviour against 16 and 17 year olds.
		2	3	4	9