

1. Please state, for children (aged 16 and under) that had missing episodes recorded in your missing persons database (or equivalent central recording system), and that were flagged as being at risk of child sexual exploitation, the total number of missing episodes recorded for each of the ten children that went missing the most often.

Please provide information for missing episodes recorded between January 1st 2018 to November 25th 2020.

Our data is not organised in such a way that we can identify and search for the top ten children that went missing the most often. In order to locate this information every individual would need to be assessed and compared to others and this would exceed the 18 hour time frame within the FOI Act.

However in the table below are the missing persons at risk of CSE between 1st Jan 2018 and 25th November 2020.

Policing Area Within West Midlands	Total
Birmingham East	788
Birmingham West	1087
Coventry	663
Solihull	157
Wolverhampton	444
Dudley	475
Walsall	304
Sandwell	453
Grand Total	4371

2. Please state, for children (aged 16 and under) that had missing episodes recorded in your missing persons database (or equivalent central recording system), and that were flagged as being at risk of child sexual exploitation, the total number of missing episodes recorded in each of the following calendar years

- a. 2018 from Jan 1st – 31st Dec
- b. 2019 from 1st Jan to 31st Dec
- c. 2020 from Jan 1st up to November 25th

Missing children with at risk CSE marker from Jan 1 st – 31 st Dec 2018	
Policing Area Within West Midlands	Total
Birmingham East	338
Birmingham West	282
Coventry	148
Solihull	44
Wolverhampton	176
Dudley	195
Walsall	87
Sandwell	145
Grand Total	1415

Missing children with at risk CSE marker from Jan 1 st – 31 st Dec 2019	
Policing Area Within West Midlands	Total
Birmingham East	481
Birmingham West	483
Coventry	240
Solihull	44
Wolverhampton	140
Dudley	169
Walsall	167
Sandwell	164
Grand Total	1888

Missing children with at risk CSE marker from Jan 1 st – 25 th November 2020	
Policing Area Within West Midlands	Total
Birmingham East	215
Birmingham West	386
Coventry	299
Solihull	81
Wolverhampton	148
Dudley	136
Walsall	74
Sandwell	164
Grand Total	1503

You will note that the total of all the tables in question 2 is 4806 – whereas the total in the table in question 1 is 4371. This is due to inaccuracies within the data system used. To search for the different element draws in different results one of which is duplicate records, or records where individuals upon closing the report have been put into two categories and therefore counted twice. Closing categories are missing persons, missing reports, absent reports and absent persons. It would depend on how the individual officer closed the report down that gives the inaccuracies in the search engine. There is no way that we can suggest to rectify this.

For this reason we suggest that you treat this data with caution considering the inaccuracies that it may contain.