

REQUEST

1. How many sex crimes where the perpetrator was under 18 at the time of the incident were reported each year from 2012 until most recent records?

Year	Total
2012	693
2013	796
2014	922
2015	972
2016	1060
2017	1278
2018	1355
2019	1350
2020	1207
2021	1539
2022 (up to 11/08/22)	1149

2. How many arrests were made for serious sexual offences suspected to be committed by children under the age of 18 each year, broken down into years from 2012 - 2022?

Year	Total
2012	411
2013	429
2014	482
2015	453
2016	361
2017	370

2018	244
2019	249
2020	146
2021	117
2022 (up to 12/08/22)	134

3. How many serious sexual offences were committed by youths under 16 in same time frame?

Year	Total
2012	526
2013	597
2014	660
2015	672
2016	722
2017	941
2018	1034
2019	1028
2020	904
2021	1155
2022 (up to 11/08/22)	907

4. How many youths under 18 were arrested under suspicion of rape from 2012-2022?

Year	Total
2012	166
2013	170

2014	210
2015	186
2016	133
2017	172
2018	118
2019	114
2020	78
2021	73
2022 (up to 12/08/22)	86

5. What was the youngest perpetrator arrest for serious sexual assault?

10 years old

6. How many offences from the above criteria ended up in a conviction?

To obtain this type of information each offender's PNC record would need to be located, retrieved and manually read to see if relevant information was contained within their offence history.

Therefore, 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 locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

In relation to Question 6 and 7 we have provided outcome as this is the most relevant information we hold in respect of these questions. Please see below within the answer to question 7.

Outcome	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Grand Total
Adult Caution		3								3
Charge	114	108	10							232
Community Resolution	78	87	7							172
Further Charge	1									1
Simple Caution (Pre April 2013)	4									4
Youth 2nd Warning (Pre April 2013)	3									3
Youth Caution		13	2							15
Youth Conditional Caution		2								2
Youth Reprimand (Pre April 2013)	7									7
Youth Warning (Pre April 2013)	3									3
Youth Warning 1st Offence (Pre April 2013)	1									1
10 Sufficient Evidence to Charge, But Police Decided Not In The Public Interest To Prosecute	1	1	8	7	13	17	30	11	1	89
11 Prosecution Prevented - Named Suspect Identified but Is Below the Age Of Criminal Responsibility			7	5	12	14	39	18	7	102
12 Prosecution Prevented - Named Suspect Identified but Is Too Ill (Physical Or Mental				2	1	1	1			5

Health) To Prosecute										
13 Prosecution Prevented - Named Suspect Identified but Victim Or Key Witness Is Dead Or Too Ill To Give Evidence			1		1					2
14 Evidential Difficulties Victim Based - Named Suspect Not Identified: The Crime Is Confirmed but The Victim Either Declines Or Is Unable To Support Further Police Investigation To Identify The Offender			1	1	1		1			4
15 Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action but Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action	7	61	288	303	280	314	293	278	239	2063
16 Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action	4	30	262	382	435	443	440	575	497	3068
18 Investigation Complete: No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated as Far As Reasonably Possible - Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available						1		1	1	3
1a Charge or Summons	5	33	114	87	41	32	15	21	3	351

1b Postal Charge		8	22	34	22	31	22	11	7	157
1d Charge/Summons with Alternative Offence				3	3	4	2	1		13
1e Postal Charge with Alternative Offence			1	2	1	2	1			7
2 Caution - Youth (Inc Conditional Caution)		1	28	10	13	7	9	18	4	90
20 Other Agency Takes Primacy			2	65	132	116	77	110	202	704
21 Public Interest, Police Decision					62	242	355	255	95	1009
2a Youth Caution with Alternative Offence						2	1			3
3 Caution - Adult (Inc Conditional Caution)	2	3	8	4	3	1	2		1	24
5 The Offender Has Died (All Offences)				2	1	2				5
8 Community Resolution		9	101	48	29	36	44	21	15	303
9 Sufficient Evidence To Charge, But Cps Decided Not In The Public Interest To Prosecute			8	9	2	10	5	6		40
Nc1 Non-Crime							2		1	3
Postal Charging and Requisition	2	2								4
Not Recorded	461	435	52	8	8	3	16	24	134	1141
Grand Total	693	796	922	972	1060	1278	1355	1350	1207	9633

In 2021 our systems changed and the way in which we locate and retrieve information, outcome descriptions changed also therefore we have provided two tables one from each system .

Outcome	2021	2022	Grand Total
Not recorded.	158	336	494
Caution - Youth (Inc Conditional Caution)	2	2	4
Charge or Summons	26	1	27
Community Resolution	13		13
Diversionsary, educational or intervention activity, resulting from the crime report, has been undertaken and it is not in the public interest to take any further action	3		3
Evidential Difficulties - Victim Based - Named suspect not identified	17	8	25
Formal action against the offender is not in the public interest (Police)	1		1
Further action will be taken by another body	185	193	378
Investigation Complete: No suspect identified	12	8	20
Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action (no victim support)	672	412	1084
Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action (victim support)	338	159	497
Prosecution not in the public interest (CPS) (all offences)	1		1
Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but is below the age of criminal responsibility	8	2	10
Suspect Identified, but not in the public interest for police to investigate	103	28	131
Grand Total	1539	1149	2688

7. How many of those found guilty, how many ended up with a custodial sentence?

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