

Request Reference: 676A/23

For each of the past five years that you have data available, can you specify:

2. How many individuals applied to have those indefinite notification requirements revoked (i.e. to be “removed from the sex offenders register”)?

Financial Year	Total Applications
2018/19	45
2019/20	58
2020/21	39
2021/22	57
2022/23	43

Calendar Year	Total Applications
2018	43
2019	62
2020	36
2021	54
2022	52
2023^	13

^ To 25th July 2023

3. How many of those individuals were successful in those applications?

Financial Year	Total Successful
2018/19	37
2019/20	48
2020/21	33
2021/22	50
2022/23	41

Calendar Year	Total Successful
2018	35
2019	52
2020	27
2021	48
2022	50
2023^	13

^ To 25th July 2023

5. How many individuals on the register went missing?

Our data are not organised in such a way as to allow us to provide this information within the appropriate (cost) limit of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act (see covering letter for full details). However, in order to assist, **the following table** shows the number of registered sex offenders whose whereabouts were unknown as at 31st March in each of the specified years.

TABLE - Registered sex offenders - whereabouts unknown:

As at 31 st March	Total*
2019	40
2020	44
2021	46
2022	47
2023	53

** These totals are only valid for the date in question because the information is dynamic and changes as arrests are made or new cases come to light through proactive intelligence led policing or routine visits to registered offenders.*

Please Note - Our main priority is to protect the most vulnerable from harm.

We have detectives who specialise in monitoring sex offenders who work with our partners to actively locate these people and we continually work with our police colleagues across the world to trace them.

As a matter of course, details of all missing registered sex offenders are circulated on the Police National Computer and to all forces and law enforcement agencies.

Our approach to finding these people is assessed on a case by case basis so we can maximise, rather than compromise, our opportunities to find and arrest them.