

For clarity, references to 'consensual child sexting' refer to any offence under s.1 of the Protection of Children Act 1978 or s.160 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 committed (or alleged against) a child where the subject of the indecent image made, distributed or possessed consents to the offence and is also a child. At the material times, such offences were 'counted' under Home Office Counting Rules as offences 86/02 and 86/10.

1. How many individuals under the age of 18 have been dealt with by means of 'Outcome 21' (per the Home Office counting rules) for any offence relating to consensual child sexting in:

a. 2019

b. 2020

c. 2021

OC21	2019	2020	2021	Total
Suspect Identified, but not in the public interest for police to investigate	242	159	176	577

1. How many individuals under the age of 18 have been dealt with by means of community resolution for any offence relating to consensual child sexting in:

a. 2019

b. 2020

c. 2021

OC8	2019	2020	2021	Total
Community Resolution	7	14	13	34

3. How many individuals under the age of 18 have been deal with by means of a simple or conditional caution for any offence relating to consensual child sexting in:

a. 2019

b. 2020

c. 2021

Cautions		2019	2020	2021	Total
OC2	Caution - Youth (Inc Conditional Caution)	1	5	1	7

OC3*	Caution – Adult (Inc Conditional Caution)	1	1	1	3
Grand Total		2	6	2	10

**Please be advised that in these 3 cases the suspect was under the age of 18 at the time the offence was committed. However, by the time the offence was reported / recorded, the suspects were over the age of 18.*

4. How many individuals under the age of 18 have been charged with any offence relating to consensual child sexting in:

a. 2019

b. 2020

c. 2021

Charges	2019	2020	2021	Total
Charge or Summons	3	7	5	15
Postal Charge With Alternative Offence	1	0	0	1
Total	4	7	5	16

N.B. *The data on this attached has been extracted using the following offences:*

HOC 86/2 – Take / make / distribute indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs, of children

HOC 86/10 – Possession of an indecent or pseudo indecent photo of a child