

Date: Thu 17 August 2017 **Reference Number:** 20171339 **FOI Category:** Stats - Crime

Title: Acid/Noxious Substance Attack

Request Date: Wednesday, 26 July, 2017

Response Date: Thursday, 17 August, 2017

Request Details:

Under the Freedom of Information Act I would like to request the following information.

Please state the number of acid attacks reported to your police force in the last three years, broken down by calendar year for 2015, 2016, and 2017 (January-June).

For each year, I would like the following breakdowns relating to the victims:

- ***A breakdown by age: If you can only provide age categories and not specific ages (which is my preference) please specifically cite the youngest and oldest victims.***
- ***A breakdown by gender.***
- ***Whether the victim reported the perpetrator as a relative.***

SYP Response:

I approached our Crime Management System (CMS) Administrator for assistance with your request. The CMS system is used to record complaints or allegations of those matters, which the Home Office specify should be recorded as 'crimes'.

She has provided me with the below data and the following explanation of her search criteria

The requestor has specifically asked for 'ACID ATTACKS' there are currently no offences recorded on the Crime Management system where the weapon type – ACID has been used to injure a person.

I have included a count of offences recorded within the offence groups – Violence against the person, Robbery & sexual offences where one of the following weapon type has been used -

ACID – NIL RESULT

OTHER CORROSIVE/NOXIOUS/ACCELERANT FLUID

AMMONIA

BLEACH

The youngest victims were aged 11, 1 Male & 1 Female.

The oldest victim was a Male aged 60.

Gender breakdown –

Female Male

17

15

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COUNT OF THE SPECIFIED CIRCUMSTANCES OF OFFENCE

RECORDED ON THE CMS CRIME REGISTRE BETWEEN 01-JAN-2015 - 30-JUN-2017

HOME OFFICE OFFENCE CLASS	YEAR OFFENCE RECORDED		
	2015	2016	*2017
ASSAULT WITH INJURY	3	10	4
ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO CAUSE SERIOUS HARM	0	6	1
ASSAULT WITHOUT INJURY	1	0	4
ROBBERY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY	0	2	1

OF THE ABOVE, THE BELOW IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE VICTIM TO OFFENDER

RELATIONSHIP OF VICTIM TO OFFENDER	YEAR OFFENCE RECORDED		
	2015	2016	2017
ACQUAINTANCE	0	1	3
COLLEAGUE / WORKMATE	1	0	0
COMMON LAW WIFE/PARTNER	0	2	1
COUSIN	0	0	1
EX OR ESTRANGED COMMON LAW WIFE/PARTNER	0	1	1
EX OR ESTRANGED SAME SEX PARTNER	1	0	0
FRIEND	0	1	0
GIRLFRIEND (HETEROSEXUAL)	0	1	0
NEIGHBOUR	0	0	1
NOT KNOWN / NO CURRENT SUSPECT	0	0	1
STRANGER	2	12	2

Gender

Age	F	M	Grand Total
11	1	1	2
12	1		1

15	1		1
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17	1	1	2
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18		1	1
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19		1	1
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20	1	1	2
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23	2		2
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24	1		1
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27	1		1
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29	1		1
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30	1		1
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31	1		1
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32		1	1
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33		2	2
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34	1	1	2
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38		1	1
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39		1	1
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48	1		1
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49		1	1
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54		1	1
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55	1		1
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57	1		1
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59		1	1
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60		1	1
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Not Known	1		1
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Grand Total	17	15	32
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