

26th October 2017

Attempting to meet a child following grooming

Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20171781

REQUEST

Could you provide me with the following information, for the calendar years 2014, 2015 and 2016.

The number of people charged for 'attempting to meet a child following grooming'.

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 provided me with the attached spreadsheets and the following explanation of her search criteria:

I have provided a count of offenders broken down by outcome recorded on CMS for the following offences where the 'Attempt' flag is recorded –

- *MEETING A FEMALE CHILD FOLLOWING SEXUAL GROOMING ETC. (OFFENDER AGED 18 OR OVER AND VICTIM UNDER 16)*
- *MEETING A MALE CHILD FOLLOWING SEXUAL GROOMING ETC. (OFFENDER IS 18 OR OVER AND VICTIM IS UNDER 16)*

I have provided data for statistics date between 01-Jan-2014 and 31-Dec-2016.

SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE
COUNT OF OFFENDERS RECORDED ON CMS FOR THE SPECIFIED OFFENCE RECORDED WITH AN 'ATTEMPT' FLAG RECORDED
FOR STATISTICS CALENDAR YEARS AS SPECIFIED

CALENDAR YEAR's 2014/2015/2016

OFFENCE RECORDED	
MEETING A FEMALE CHILD FOLLOWING SEXUAL GROOMING ETC. (OFFENDER AGED 18 OR OVER AND VICTIM UNDER 16)	13
MEETING A MALE CHILD FOLLOWING SEXUAL GROOMING ETC. (OFFENDER IS 18 OR OVER AND VICTIM IS UNDER 16)	2

12 OFFENCES ARE RECORDED WITH A TOTAL OF 15 OFFENDERS

THE NUMBER OF OFFENDERS IS EXPECTED TO EXCEED THE NUMBER OF OFFENCES AS MORE THAN ONE OFFENDER MAY BE RECORDED AGAINST EACH OFFENCE

Offence Outcome	CALENDAR YEAR		
	2014	2015	2016
B - SIMPLE CAUTION	1	0	0
CHARGED WITH OFFENCE RECORDED	0	1	0
NAMED SUSPECT EVIDENTIAL DIFFICULTIES - (POLICE DECISION)	0	7	1
SIMPLE CAUTION FOR OFFENCE RECORDED	0	0	1
NO OUTCOME RECORDED	1	1	0
NAMED SUSPECT EVIDENTIAL DIFFICULTIES - (POLICE DECISION)	0	2	0

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