

5 June 2018

**Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20180799**

**REQUEST**

1a) The total number of recorded offences for indecent images (still or moving) of children, for the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017

1b) The total number of recorded offences for indecent images (still or moving) of children, for the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018

2a) The breakdown of possession, distribution and any other linked indecent image (still or moving) of children offence for the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017

2b) The breakdown of possession, distribution and any other linked indecent image (still or moving) of children offence for the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018

2c) The breakdown of possession, distribution and any other linked indecent image (still or moving) of children offence for the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018, with the breakdown of perpetrators age (by individual age where possible), gender and occupation.

*If the request exceeds the Freedom of Information time limit, please focus on 2a and 2b*

3a) The breakdown of taking indecent images (still or moving) of children for the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017

3b) The breakdown of taking indecent images (still or moving) of children for the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018

3c) The breakdown of taking indecent images (still or moving) of children for the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018 with the breakdown of perpetrators age (by individual age where possible), gender and occupation.

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**RESPONSE**

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

She conducted a search of the two crime management systems. (CMS - our legacy system which provides data up to 4th December 2017 and our new CONNECT system which records crimes from that date onwards)

She provided me with the enclosed spreadsheet and the following explanation of her search criteria:

**CMS(ii) Data -**

I have included a count of the specified offences recorded under the home office offence class – Obscene Publications, where the offence was recorded on the CMS(ii) crime register between 01-Apr-2016 and 04-Dec-2017. Of the offence count, I have included a breakdown of the offender's

outcome and offender status and also a breakdown of the offender's age and gender. I have included both accused and suspected offenders.

#### CONNECT Data –

I have included a count of the specified offences recorded under the home office offence class – Obscene Publications, where the offence was recorded on CONNECT between 05-Dec-2017 AND 31-Mar-2018. Of the offence count, I have included a breakdown of the offender and also a breakdown of the offender's age and gender.

Please note - a count of offenders is not expected to reflect a count of offences as some offences may be recorded with more than one offender and some offences may not be recorded with an offender.

Any offences identified where the offender's age has been potentially incorrectly recorded will be flagged to the relevant SYP units.

I have had to take a slightly different approach to extracting the data from CONNECT as the data is not recorded in the same format as the legacy system CMS(ii). SYP have changed their central crime management system on the 05 December 2017. Therefore data from the new system cannot be used as a direct comparison due to the different ways in which crimes are recorded. However, the data has been given to comply with original request and displayed here to show an outline trend.