

10th May 2021

Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20210819

REQUEST

I would be very grateful if you could send me the number of offences recorded in the South Yorkshire Police area, as detailed below.

Time periods

Please can you send me the number of offences (below) recorded in each (i.e. separate counts please) of the two years:

1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020

1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021

Offences

Please provide the number of offences recorded for each (i.e. separate counts please) of the three categories of "Sexual Grooming" (88A) (as per the [Home Office Counting Rules for Sexual Offences](#), page 44):

88/1 Meeting a female child following sexual grooming etc. (Offender is aged 18 or over and victim is under 16). Sexual Offences Act 2003 Sec 15.

88/2 Meeting a male child following sexual grooming etc. (Offender is 18 or over and victim is under 16). Sexual Offences Act 2003 Sec 15.

71/17 Engage in sexual communication with a child. Sexual Offences Act 2003 Sec 15A (1) and (3) as amended by Serious Crime Act 2015 Sec 67.

RESPONSE

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

All our systems are designed and used first and foremost for Policing Purposes and have limited search capability.

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

Please see the attached data and below explanation

Connect data –

I have provided a count of offences recorded under Home Office crime group Sexual Grooming where the offence was recorded for CONNECT Crime Between 01-Apr-2019 and 31-Mar-2021.

The count of Sexual Grooming offences are broken down by Full Offence Title.

SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE
COUNT OF OFFENCES RECORDED UNDER THE HOME OFFICE OFFENCE CLASS SEXUAL GROOMING
WHERE THE OFFENCE WAS RECORDED FOR CONNECT CRIME BETWEEN 01-APR-2019 AND 31-MAR-2021

OFFENCE RECORDED	2019/2020	2020/2021
Attempted - Engage in sexual communication with a child	34	21
Attempted - Meeting a female child following sexual grooming etc (Offender is aged 18 or over and victim is under 16)	13	7
Engage in sexual communication with a child	154	120
Meeting a female child following sexual grooming etc (Offender is aged 18 or over and victim is under 16)	23	9
Meeting a male child following sexual grooming etc (Offender is 18 or over and victim is under 16)	0	4