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Your Ref: FOI

Our Ref: FOI 2021/653

Reply contact name is: Kay Moore

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 6th August 2021 concerning incidences of sexual communication with a child.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Your request for information has now been considered and after having consulted the Performance Team – I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote and our response:

- 1.) Please provide the number of recorded offences that relate to s.15A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003, Sexual Communication with a child, HO Crime Code 71/17 between April 2018 and April 2021. Please, where possible, provide the ages of the victims and offenders if known, break the data down by month and year.

Reported Month & Year	Offence Description	Crimes
Apr-2018	Engage in sexual communication with a child	6
May-2018	Engage in sexual communication with a child	4
Jun-2018	Engage in sexual communication with a child	2
Jul-2018	Engage in sexual communication with a child	2
Aug-2018	Engage in sexual communication with a child	4
Sep-2018	Engage in sexual communication with a child	3
Oct-2018	Engage in sexual communication with a child	2
Nov-2018	Engage in sexual communication with a child	3
Dec-2018	Engage in sexual communication with a child	4
Jan-2019	Adult attempt to engage in sexual communication with a child	1
	Engage in sexual communication with a child	3
Feb-2019	Adult attempt to engage in sexual communication with a child	1



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	Engage in sexual communication with a child	3
Mar-2019	Engage in sexual communication with a child	1
	Adult attempt to engage in sexual communication with a child	1
Apr-2019	Engage in sexual communication with a child	2
May-2019	Engage in sexual communication with a child	2
	Adult attempt to engage in sexual communication with a child	1
Jun-2019	Engage in sexual communication with a child	1
Jul-2019	Engage in sexual communication with a child	7
Sep-2019	Adult attempt to engage in sexual communication with a child	1
Oct-2019	Adult attempt to engage in sexual communication with a child	1
Nov-2019	Engage in sexual communication with a child	3
Dec-2019	Engage in sexual communication with a child	4
Jan-2020	Engage in sexual communication with a child	4
Feb-2020	Engage in sexual communication with a child	1
Mar-2020	Engage in sexual communication with a child	2
	Adult attempt to engage in sexual communication with a child	2
Jun-2020	Engage in sexual communication with a child	1
Jul-2020	Engage in sexual communication with a child	2
Aug-2020	Engage in sexual communication with a child	6
Sep-2020	Engage in sexual communication with a child	2
Oct-2020	Engage in sexual communication with a child	9
Nov-2020	Engage in sexual communication with a child	5
Dec-2020	Engage in sexual communication with a child	2
	Adult attempt to engage in sexual communication with a child	5
Jan-2021	Engage in sexual communication with a child	1
Feb-2021	Engage in sexual communication with a child	6

Victim Age (please note, that 'NULL' means the victim is The State):

Reported Month & Year	Reported Age	Crimes
Apr-2018	Totals	6
	NULL	3
	11	1
	12	0
	14	1
	15	1
May-2018	Totals	4
	11	0
	12	0
	13	1
	14	3
Jun-2018	Totals	2
	13	1

	29	1
Jul-2018	Totals	2
	11	1
	12	1
	30	0
Aug-2018	Totals	4
	11	1
	14	1
	16	1
	17	1
Sep-2018	Totals	3
	NULL	1
	14	1
	15	1
Oct-2018	Totals	2
	12	1
	14	1
Nov-2018	Totals	3
	NULL	0
	12	3
Dec-2018	Totals	4
	10	1
	12	1
	14	1
	16	1
Jan-2019	Totals	4
	NULL	2
	10	1
	13	1
	15	0
Feb-2019	Totals	4
	NULL	2
	12	0
	13	1
	14	1
Mar-2019	Totals	2
	11	1
	22	1
Apr-2019	Totals	2
	10	1
	11	0
	14	1
May-2019	Totals	4
	12	2
	14	2
	15	0
Jun-2019	Totals	1
	NULL	1

	16	0
Jul-2019	Totals	7
	NULL	1
	10	1
	11	1
	13	3
	16	1
Aug-2019	Totals	0
	NULL	0
Sep-2019	Totals	1
	NULL	1
	16	0
Oct-2019	Totals	1
	NULL	1
Nov-2019	Totals	3
	10	2
	13	1
	15	0
Dec-2019	Totals	4
	12	1
	14	2
	16	1
Jan-2020	Totals	4
	NULL	2
	12	1
	13	0
	16	1
Feb-2020	Totals	1
	12	1
Mar-2020	Totals	4
	12	1
	13	2
	14	1
Jun-2020	Totals	1
	13	0
	14	0
	23	1
Jul-2020	Totals	2
	NULL	1
	16	1
Aug-2020	Totals	6
	NULL	2
	12	1
	13	1
	14	2
Sep-2020	Totals	2
	NULL	1
	12	1

	16	0
	50	1
Oct-2020	Totals	9
	NULL	4
	12	1
	13	1
	15	3
	42	1
Nov-2020	Totals	5
	NULL	1
	11	1
	12	1
	13	2
	15	0
Dec-2020	Totals	7
	NULL	2
	13	1
	16	1
	41	1
	47	1
	72	1
Jan-2021	Totals	1
	11	0
	26	1
Feb-2021	Totals	5
	NULL	1
	12	1
	15	2
	18	1

Offender Age:

Reported Month & Year	Reported Age	Crimes
Apr-2018	Totals	5
	20	1
	31	2
	40	2
May-2018	Totals	2
	21	2
Jul-2018	Totals	2
	32	1
	52	1
Aug-2018	Totals	2
	31	1
	36	1
Sep-2018	Totals	3
	32	1
	34	1

	45	1
Oct-2018	Totals	1
	16	1
Nov-2018	Totals	1
	18	1
	21	0
Jan-2019	Totals	3
	20	0
	25	1
	37	1
	71	1
Feb-2019	Totals	3
	20	1
	21	1
	54	1
Mar-2019	Totals	2
	17	1
	21	1
Apr-2019	Totals	1
	35	1
May-2019	Totals	4
	NULL	1
	22	1
	31	1
	56	2
Jun-2019	Totals	1
	28	1
Jul-2019	Totals	4
	18	1
	31	1
	38	1
	44	1
Sep-2019	Totals	1
	26	1
	40	0
Oct-2019	Totals	1
	26	1
Nov-2019	Totals	0
	17	0
Dec-2019	Totals	4
	18	1
	28	1
	36	1
	41	1
Jan-2020	Totals	3
	NULL	1
	54	1
	57	1

Feb-2020	Totals	1
	20	1
Jun-2020	Totals	1
	16	0
	30	1
Jul-2020	Totals	2
	24	1
	61	1
Aug-2020	Totals	5
	19	1
	42	4
Sep-2020	Totals	1
	18	0
	54	1
Oct-2020	Totals	8
	21	1
	25	1
	32	2
	42	1
	58	3
Nov-2020	Totals	3
	22	0
	41	0
	49	1
	58	1
	82	1
Dec-2020	Totals	5
	34	1
	55	4
Jan-2021	Totals	1
	37	1
Feb-2021	Totals	4
	19	1
	37	1
	40	1
	64	1

- 2.) Please provide the method of communication with the child and the App used to communicate eg. Text, Whatsapp, Facebook, Snapchat, Omegle, Kik, Discord, Twitter, Tiktok, Twitter, other chatroom etc) for all recorded offences relating to s.15A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003, sexual communication with a child, HO Crime Code 71/17 between April 2018 and April 2021. Please break the data down by month and year.

Reported Month & Year		Dating App	Email	Face to Face	Facebook	Hotel Hideaway	Instagram	Kik	Letters	Messenger	Platform not on OEL	Roblox	Snapchat	Telegram	Text	Video Chat	Whatsapp	Grand Total
2018	1		1		4		2		1	1	14		1	1	1	1	2	30
Apr					2						2		1	1				6
May							1				3							4
Jun									1						1			2
Jul			1								1							2
Aug	1										2					1		4
Sep					2						1							3
Oct											1						1	2
Nov											3							3
Dec							1			1	1						1	4
2019	7			1	3	2	3	2		1	10	1	2					32
Jan	1							1			2							4
Feb	2						1				1							4
Mar	2																	2
Apr	1				1													2
May				1						1			1					3
Jun								1										1
Jul							1				5	1						7
Sep											1							1
Oct					1													1
Nov						2	1											3
Dec	1				1						1		1					4
2020	2	2			19		5	1			7		2			1	2	41
Jan					2		1				1							4
Feb	1																	1
Mar							2				1					1		4
Jun											1							1
Jul					1						1							2
Aug		1			3		1				1							6
Sep							1				1							2
Oct					5						1		1				2	9
Nov	1	1			3													5
Dec					5			1					1					7
2021					2			1		1	3							7
Jan					1													1
Feb					1			1		1	3							6

Grand Total	10	2	1	1	28	2	10	4	1	3	34	1	5	1	1	2	4	110
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3.) Please provide the Outcomes for all s.15A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003, sexual communication with a child, HO Crime Code 71/17 between April 2018 and April 2021. Please break the data down by month and year.

Reported Month & Year	Outcome	Crimes
Apr-2018	Totals	6
	16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	1
	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	1
	Cancelled/transferred	0
	Hist - 1. Charged/summonsed	4
May-2018	Totals	4
	16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	2
	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	2
	Cancelled/transferred	0
Jun-2018	Totals	2
	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	2
Jul-2018	Totals	2
	1: Summonsed/postal requisition	2
	Cancelled/transferred	0
Aug-2018	Totals	4
	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	1
	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	2
	Cancelled/transferred	1
Sep-2018	Totals	3
	1: Charged	1
	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	2
Oct-2018	Totals	2
	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	1
	21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	1
Nov-2018	Totals	3
	8: Community resolution	1
	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	2
	Cancelled/transferred	0
Dec-2018	Totals	4
	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	4
Jan-2019	Totals	4
	1: Charged	1
	1: Summonsed/postal requisition	1
	15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	1
	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	1
	Cancelled/transferred	0

Feb-2019	Totals	4
	15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	2
	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	2
	Cancelled/transferred	0
Mar-2019	Totals	2
	1: Charged	1
	16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	1
Apr-2019	Totals	2
	1A: Alternate offence summonsed/postal requisition	1
	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	1
	Cancelled/transferred	0
May-2019	Totals	4
	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	3
	Cancelled/transferred	0
	New	1
Jun-2019	Totals	1
	1: Charged	1
	Cancelled/transferred	0
Jul-2019	Totals	7
	1: Summonsed/postal requisition	1
	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	1
	16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	2
	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	3
Aug-2019	Totals	0
	Cancelled/transferred	0
Sep-2019	Totals	1
	1: Charged	1
	Cancelled/transferred	0
Oct-2019	Totals	1
	1: Summonsed/postal requisition	1
Nov-2019	Totals	3
	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	3
	Cancelled/transferred	0
Dec-2019	Totals	4
	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	2
	16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	1
	20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	1
	Cancelled/transferred	0
Jan-2020	Totals	4
	1: Charged	1
	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	1
	Cancelled/transferred	0
	New	2
Feb-2020	Totals	1
	1: Charged	1

Mar-2020	Totals	4
	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	4
Jun-2020	Totals	1
	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	1
	Cancelled/transferred	0
Jul-2020	Totals	2
	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	1
	16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	1
Aug-2020	Totals	6
	1A: Alternate offence charged	4
	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	1
	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	1
Sep-2020	Totals	2
	1: Summoned/postal requisition	1
	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	1
	Cancelled/transferred	0
Oct-2020	Totals	9
	1: Charged	3
	1: Summoned/postal requisition	1
	1A: Alternate offence charged	1
	16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	1
	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	1
	21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	2
Nov-2020	Totals	5
	15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	1
	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	2
	Cancelled/transferred	0
	New	2
Dec-2020	Totals	7
	1: Charged	4
	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	1
	New	2
Jan-2021	Totals	1
	Cancelled/transferred	0
	New	1
Feb-2021	Totals	5
	16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	1
	New	4

Please note, where there are months missing from the tables above, please do be aware that this is because there is no data for the crime code requested during those periods.

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me and been considered in the light of your request within the time constraints applicable under the legislation.

Wiltshire Police would like to thank you for the interest that you have shown in the Force.

Yours sincerely,

Kay Moore
Force Disclosure Decision Maker

Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.



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Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from Wiltshire Police, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing to the:
Force Disclosure Unit
Wiltshire Police Headquarters,
London Road, Devizes,
Wiltshire,
SN10 2DN

Email at disclosure@wiltshire.police.uk.

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Force Disclosure Unit within 20 working days of the Force's response to the original Fol request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing to include confirmation of the reasons for the review. The review will be conducted by another Decision Maker, who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Force Disclosure Unit will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The Independent Decision Maker will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the Independent Decision Maker will reply to the complainant with the result of the review. If the complainant is still dissatisfied following the review they should

contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following details:

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