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Date: 13/03/2026

Our ref: FOI 2026/287

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11/03/2026 concerning Snapchat and TikTok related crimes.

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 I am able to respond as follows.

You wrote and our response:

1. In the 2025 calendar year how many crimes were logged by your force where Snapchat was recorded as being an element in the offence? [Note: I would hope that this could be achieved by a computer search on the MO/Investigation Summary Field of crimes for the word/s 'snapchat', 'snap chat'.] 250

2. Please provide me with a table showing a breakdown of the crimes from Question 1 that are 'linked' to Snapchat by its mention in the MO/Investigation Summary Field.

Crime Group / Offence Description	Distinct Count of OccNo
Burglary	
Residential burglary of a home	1
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	
Possession of an indecent or pseudo-photograph of a child	1
Take/make/distribute indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs of children	64
Threats to destroy or damage property	2
Public Order Offences	

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Breach a sexual risk order/risk of sexual harm order etc. or fail to comply with requirement under Sec 122c(4) in relation to a sexual risk order	2
Breach of non-molestation order	3
Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 4a POA)	1
Fear or provocation of violence (Sec 4)	1
Racially or religiously aggravated harassment, alarm or distress - words or writing (Sec 5 POA)	1
Racially or religiously aggravated intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 4a POA)	1
Robbery	
Robbery personal	1
Sexual Offences	
Abuse of position of trust: Causing or inciting a child to engage in sexual activity - male victim aged 13-17	1
Arrange/facilitate sexual activity with a child - no penetration	1
Causing a child under 13 to watch a sexual act by an offender under 18 years of age	2
Causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity by an offender under 18 years of age: female child - no penetration	1
Causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity: female child - no penetration	4
Causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity: male child - no penetration	3
Causing or inciting a child under 16 to engage in sexual activity: female victim - no penetration, age of offender 18 years or over	9

Causing or inciting a child under 16 to engage in sexual activity: female victim - no penetration, age of offender under 18 years	2
Causing or inciting a child under 16 to engage in sexual activity: female victim - penetration, age of offender 18 years or over	1
Causing or inciting a child under 16 to engage in sexual activity: male victim - no penetration, age of offender under 18 years	3
Engage in sexual communication with a child	8
Rape of a female aged 16 or over	1
Send photograph or film of genitals to cause alarm distress or humiliation	10
Sexual activity with a child under 16: female victim - penetration, age of offender under 18 years	1
Sexual assault on a female aged 13 or over	1
Share photograph or film of person in intimate state without consent	9
Sharing intimate photograph or film to cause alarm, distress or humiliation or for sexual gratification	6
Voyeurism	1
Theft Offences	
Blackmail	18
Theft if not classified elsewhere	1
Theft in a dwelling other than from automatic machine or meter	1
Violence Against The Person	
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (Sec 47)	1
Breach of restraining order (harassment)	1
Common Assault and Battery	6
Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	3
Harassment	24

Non-fatal strangulation and suffocation	1
Pursue course of conduct in breach of Sec 1 (1) which amounts to stalking	8
Putting people in fear of violence (harassment)	6
Send communication threatening death or serious harm	30
Send indecent or grossly offensive communication to cause distress or anxiety	7
Threats to kill	1
Grand Total	250

3. Please provide me with copies of the first 10 MOs/Investigation Summary Field that mention Airbnb. [Note: To avoid falling into an exemption I am content for the names, ages, geography or any other detail to be redacted to allow for the disclosure of the incident and how it relates to Airbnb.] 0

4. Could you please go through the same process in answering Question 1, 2 and 3 but instead of Snapchat please carry out the process in relation to the website TikTok [note: including alternate spellings like Tik Tok, Tik Tock]?

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Crime Group / Offence Description	Distinct Count of OccNo
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	
Intimidating or intending to intimidate a witness	1
Take/make/distribute indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs of children	12
Threats to destroy or damage property	2
Public Order Offences	
Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 4a POA)	3
Fear or provocation of violence (Sec 4)	2

Publishing or distributing written material - Acts intended to stir up racial hatred	1
Sexual Offences	
Causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity by an offender under 18 years of age: female child - no penetration	1
Causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity: male child - no penetration	1
Causing or inciting a child under 16 to engage in sexual activity: female victim - no penetration, age of offender 18 years or over	1
Causing or inciting a child under 16 to engage in sexual activity: male victim - no penetration, age of offender under 18 years	1
Share photograph or film of person in intimate state without consent	1
Sharing intimate photograph or film to cause alarm, distress or humiliation or for sexual gratification	1
Theft Offences	
Blackmail	17
Theft if not classified elsewhere	1
Violence Against The Person	
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (Sec 47)	2
Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm	2
Harassment	31
Pursue course of conduct in breach of Sec 1 (1) which amounts to stalking	1
Putting people in fear of violence (harassment)	2
Send communication threatening death or serious harm	5
Send false communication with intent to cause harm	3
Send indecent or grossly offensive communication to cause distress or anxiety	6

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Stalking involving fear of violence	4
Threats to kill	1
Grand Total	102

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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

Force Disclosure Decision Maker

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



Force Disclosure Unit

Wiltshire Police HQ, London Road, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 2DN



Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

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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 FoI 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:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Please note that the ICO's offices will be closed for the foreseeable future and are therefore unable to receive correspondence via post.

If you should wish you contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>