



Access to Public Information Request

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Request for information regarding sexual offences

Request:

My request is for the following information relating to Guernsey's police force records.

1. The number of recorded sexual offences against children aged under 18, for the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018, broken down by age and gender of victims (by individual year of age where possible)
2. The number of recorded sexual offences against under 18s for the above time frame that had a cyber flag attached.
3. The number of recorded sexual offences against children aged under 18, for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019, broken down by age and gender of victims (by individual year of age where possible)
4. The number of recorded sexual offences against under 18s for the above time frame that had a cyber flag attached.

Response:

Please note that a crime is when a member of the public alleges something has happened to them. An offence is what an offender is ultimately charged with, if there is evidence to support the allegation. The two are linked, but are different in terms of Crime Recording rules and outcomes.

1. **The number of recorded sexual offences against children aged under 18, for the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018, broken down by age and gender of victims (by individual year of age where possible)**

Guernsey Police recorded 35 sexual crimes against children under 18 during the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018 and are broken down as follows:-

Age	Female	Male	Grand Total
5	1	0	1
11	0	9	9
12	0	7	7
13	1	1	2
14	4	0	4
15	4	1	5
16	3	2	5
17	2	0	2
Grand Total	15	20	35

2. The number of recorded sexual offences against under 18s for the above time frame that had a cyber flag attached.

None of the above 35 sexual crimes had a cyber flag as per the HOCR definition - Online flag definition: An offence where the reporting officer believes that on the balance of probability, the offence was committed, in full or in part, through a computer, computer network or other computer-enabled device.

3. The number of recorded sexual offences against children aged under 18, for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019, broken down by age and gender of victims (by individual year of age where possible)

Guernsey Police recorded 53 sexual crimes against children under 18 during the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018 and are broken down as follows:-

Age	Female	Male	Grand Total
2	1	0	1
3	0	1	1
4	0	1	1
5	0	1	1
6	2	1	3
7	0	1	1
8	2	1	3
12	3	0	3
13	7	0	7
14	9	2	11
15	6	0	6
16	5	1	6
17	7	2	9
Grand Total	42	11	53

4. The number of recorded sexual offences against under 18s for the above time frame that had a cyber flag attached.

None of the above 53 sexual crimes had a cyber flag as per the HOCR definition - Online flag definition: An offence where the reporting officer believes that on the balance of probability, the offence was committed, in full or in part, through a computer, computer network or other computer-enabled device.

NB. The States of Guernsey are currently drafting a new Sexual Offences Law which will incorporate offences such as online grooming. Currently these types of offences are investigated under other Laws such as Mis-use of Telecommunications Law.