



## Freedom of Information Request

**REQUEST NUMBER:** HC/002331/17

**KEYWORD:** Crime Statistics

| Request                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Response                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <p>Please provide this information for 2015 and 2016, under the following obscene publications (HO Codes under 86 – ‘Obscene Publications Classification’.) the number of arrests/cautions/prosecutions (as 3 separate statistics) for making/producing/distributing indecent images of children.</p> <p>01 Charged/Summoned<br/>02a Caution - youths<br/>03a Caution – adults<br/>10 Formal action against the offender is not in the public interest (Police)<br/>14 Evidential Difficulties – No Named suspect: victim declines/unable to support investigation to identify offender<br/>15a Named Suspect identified: victim supports police action but Police evidential difficulties prevent further action<br/>15b Named Suspect identified: victim supports police action but CPS evidential difficulties prevent further action<br/>16 Named Suspect Identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim withdraws/does not support action<br/>18 Investigation Complete No suspect identified. Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible<br/>A1 - Charge<br/>B1 - Simple Caution<br/>B3 - Reprimand/Final Warning'</p> | <p>The information requested has been supplied below. The data is for all notifiable and validated crimes with an HO Code of 86/2 for the years in question.</p> |

## 86/2 - Distribute/Take/Make/Publish Indecent Photo/Pseudo-Photo of a Child

| Outcome                                                                                   | 2015 | 2016 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|
| 01. Charged/Summoned                                                                      | 99   | 117  |
| 02. Caution Youths                                                                        | 1    | 0    |
| 03. Caution Adults                                                                        | 3    | 2    |
| 04. Taken into Consideration                                                              | 0    | 1    |
| 08. Community Resolution                                                                  | 4    | 2    |
| 09. Not in the public interest (CPS) (all offences)                                       | 0    | 5    |
| 10. Not in the public interest (Police)                                                   | 204  | 270  |
| 11. Prosecution prevented - Named suspect under age                                       | 7    | 7    |
| 13. Prosecution prevented - victim or key witness is dead/ill                             | 1    | 0    |
| 14. Evidential Difficulties Victim Based - suspect not identified                         | 1    | 7    |
| 15. Evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim supports police action         | 90   | 80   |
| 16. Evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support police action | 33   | 65   |
| 18. Investigation Complete: No suspect identified                                         | 29   | 34   |
| 19. Outcome 20                                                                            | 47   | 49   |
| 20. Outcome 21                                                                            | 0    | 11   |
| Total                                                                                     | 519  | 650  |

The crimes listed as "not in the public interest" to prosecute predominantly relate to situations where teenagers have sent indecent images of themselves to another person. Whist action will often be considered against other parties involved it will rarely (if ever) be in the public interest to prosecute the subject of the photos and we work with other agencies to make sure they have the support and education they need.