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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

SUBJECT: Sexual Offences Against Children

I refer to your email dated 9 January 2015 and clarified by you on 15 January 2015 regarding the above which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

The number of sexual offences against children recorded by the force in each of the past four complete financial years plus the number from the start of the 2014-15 financial year up until the end of December 2014.

Clarification from applicant

In which case can I just have the information for the last three financial years (11/12, 12/13 and 13/14) plus 14/15 up to the end of 2014?

Please find the information requested in the table below. I would also wish to highlight that the protection of children from all forms of abuse including child sexual abuse is a fundamental priority of Police Scotland. We do this by working in partnership with a range of statutory and voluntary organisations



following the principles of the National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland 2014, published by the Scottish Government. We are equally committed where crimes have been reported to carry out a robust investigation to hold the perpetrator to account and in so doing we place the child or young person at the centre of our investigations.

Please also note the following:

- All statistics provided should be treated as management information.
- The information provided relates to when the crimes were reported to the police and not necessarily when they were committed. It is reasonable to assess therefore that some of the statistics relate to historic cases. Limited inference can therefore be drawn in respect of prevalence from the information provided.
- The data provided relates to the number of crimes recorded and not the number of offenders, for example a single offender may be responsible for multiple crimes.
- Similarly there can be more than one offender responsible for a single crime.

Number of reported crimes: Police Scotland.				
Period: Financial year.				
Crime Type	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Rape of older male child (13-15 years)	7	12	6	6
Rape of older female child (13-15 years)	127	152	190	143
Rape of young male child (Under 13)	19	27	19	29
Rape of young female child (Under 13)	55	75	74	89
Assault with intent to rape older male child (13-15)	0	1	1	0
Assault with intent to rape older female child (13-15)	3	8	10	6
Assault with intent to rape young male child (under 13)	1	0	1	3
Assault with intent to rape young female child (under 13)	1	2	6	4
Sexual assault by penetration of male (13-15 years)	2	1	3	5
Sexual assault by penetration of female (13-15 years)	29	45	39	31
Sexual assault of older male child (13-15 years)	24	21	33	19
Sexual assault of older female child (13-15 years)	181	230	294	215
Sexual coercion of older male child (13-15 years)	5	3	2	9
Sexual coercion of older female child (13-15 years)	4	12	9	30
Assault by penetration of young male child	9	8	11	6

(under 13)				
Assault by penetration of young female child (under 13)	26	37	51	42
Sexual assault of young male child (under 13)	88	54	59	69
Sexual assault of young female child (under 13)	191	218	236	192
Cause young male child (under 13) to participate in sexual activity	16	23	16	17
Cause young female child (under 13) to participate in sexual activity	27	44	30	48
Cause young child to be present/ look at sexual activity (under 13)	69	52	64	73
Communicating indecently with young child (under 13)	75	90	104	106
Sexual exposure to a young child (under 13)	76	60	61	61
Voyeurism young child (under 13)	12	18	17	14
Intercourse with older male child (13-15)	13	12	12	9
Intercourse with older female child (13-15)	211	183	222	150
Penetrative sexual activity with older male child (13-15)	3	0	2	0
Penetrative sexual activity with older female child (13-15)	33	35	19	31
Sexual activity with older male child (13-15)	8	15	22	8
Sexual activity with older female child (13-15)	65	75	55	39
Cause older male child (13-15) to participate in sexual activity	4	6	4	7
Cause older female child (13-15) to participate in sexual activity	25	33	12	14
Older male child (13-15) engaging in sexual conduct with another older child	42	13	17	9
Older female child (13-15) engaging in sexual conduct with another older child	44	29	22	11
Causing an older child (13-15) to be present/ look at sexual activity	25	43	76	58
Communicate indecently older child (13-15)	92	140	259	155
Sexual exposure older child (13-15)	51	50	39	39
Voyeurism older child (13-15)	9	8	9	15
All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at 20th January 2015.				

I would also like this number expressed as a rate per every 100,000 children looked after by the force for each time period.

This information is not recorded and in terms of Section 17(1) of the Act this letter presents a formal notice that information is not held.

By way of explanation, we do not record this data and there is no requirement under the Act to create data in order to answer a request.

Finally, I would like to know how many of the offences recorded in point 1 of my request were rape offences.

Please see table in question 1.

I trust that the information available is of assistance and should you require any further assistance concerning this matter please contact me on 01786-895864 quoting the reference number given.

If you are not satisfied with the way in which your request has been dealt with, you are entitled in the first instance and within 40 working days of receiving this letter to request a review of the decision made by the Service. Should you wish to do so, contact details are; Police Scotland, FOI Central Processing Unit, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock. G40 4EH (Or email foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk)

Once informed of the Review decision, if you are still not satisfied, then you are entitled to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. Contact details are; 'Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS', telephone 01334 464610.

Yours sincerely

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