



Access to Public Information Request

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In response to your questions submitted under Access to Public Information, we are able to provide the following:

Please could you provide the following for the periods October 1st 2019 to March 31st 2020 and separately April 1st 2020 to September 30th 2020:

1. The total number of sexual offences committed against children aged under 18 that had an online element
 - a) Where known, please break it down by the platform/s used to commit the offence (eg. text message, iMessage, Whatsapp, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, Kik etc.)
 - b) Please provide the number of times an offence was recorded on each platform

2. The total number of indecent image offences committed against children aged under 18
 - a) Where known, please break it down by the platform/s used to commit the offence (eg. text message, iMessage, Whatsapp, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, Kik etc.)

 - b) Please provide the number of times an offence was recorded on each platform

If you need to do a key word search to establish the method of communication I can provide a list of platforms to search for upon request. A list of Home Office Codes can also be provided.

Answers

1. The States of Guernsey has approved legislation to update its Sexual Offences Law. It is yet to be implemented, but will incorporate offences such as online grooming. Currently these types of offences are investigated under other laws such as Misuse of Telecommunications. To provide statistics for these questions under current legislation

would involve a significant diversion of resources from investigators working on active cases and as such will not be progressed.

2. 4 investigations between 1/10/2019 and 31/03/2020

11 investigations between 1/04/2020 and 30/09/2020

We are unable to break down as to the platforms used as they are not recorded for any statistical purpose.