



Access to Public Information Request

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Request for information:

I would like to request the following information under the Code of Practice on Access to Public Information please:

1. The number of recorded sexual offences against children aged under 18, broken down by financial year, for the period 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2019.
2. The number of recorded sexual offences against children under 18 that had a cyber flag attached, broken down by financial year, for the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2019.

Response:

We are only able to provide these stats for the last three years.

Guernsey Police recorded 35 sexual crimes against children under 18 during the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018.

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.

Guernsey Police recorded 53 sexual crimes against children under 18 during the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019.

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.

Guernsey Police have recorded 45 sexual crimes against children under 18 during the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020.

None of the above 45 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 have drafted (but not set in legislation yet) 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.