

FOI 11735: Sexual Communication With a Child Offences in West Mercia between 01/04/2017 and 31/03/2019

Number of Crimes by Month

Year - 2017	Count of Crimes
Month	
April	6
May	5
June	6
July	4
August	6
September	3
October	4
November	8
December	9
Grand Total	51

Year - 2018	Count of Crimes
Month	
January	2
February	4
March	9
April	11
May	11
June	12
July	11
August	8
September	5
October	14
November	12
December	5
Grand Total	104

Year - 2019	Count of Crimes
Month	
January	10

February	8
March	10
Grand Total	28

Number of Crimes by Method Used

Method Used	Year			Grand Total
	2017	2018	2019	
Amino	0	3	0	3
Book	0	1	0	1
Chat Rooms	0	1	0	1
Discord	0	1	0	1
Email	1	0	0	1
Email/Text	0	1	0	1
Facebook	4	16	3	23
Facebook/Instagram	0	0	1	1
Facebook/Mobile Phone	0	1	0	1
Fortnite	0	1	0	1
Friend's Life	1	0	0	1
IMVU	0	0	1	1
In person	3	4	0	7
In Person/Instagram	0	1	0	1
In Person/Text	0	3	0	3
Instagram	7	25	3	35
Instagram/Playstation chat/XBox	0	1	0	1
Instagram/Snapchat	0	1	0	1
Ipad	0	1	0	1
Ipad/Texts	1	0	0	1
Kik	0	2	1	3
Legacy of Discord/Skype	1	0	0	1
Liv.ely	1	0	0	1
Mobile Phone	1	5	2	8
Moviestar Plane	1	0	0	1
Not Recorded	13	23	9	45
Online Game	0	1	0	1
Playstation	0	3	1	4
Skype	0	0	2	2

Snapchat	11	3	2	16
Snapchat/Instagram/Skype	1	0	0	1
Social Media	1	2	1	4
Text	1	1	1	3
Tumblr	1	0	0	1
Twitter	0	1	0	1
WhatsApp	1	2	1	4
Yellow	1	0	0	1
Grand Total	51	104	28	183

Number of Crimes by District

District	Year			Grand Total
	2017	2018	2019	
Bromsgrove District	1	4	2	7
Herefordshire	11	8	4	23
Malvern Hills	2	9	3	14
Redditch Borough	4	5	4	13
Shropshire	13	28	7	48
Telford & Wrekin	8	21	4	33
Worcester City	5	8	0	13
Wychavon	4	3	1	8
Wyre Forest District	3	18	1	22
Not Recorded	0	0	2	2
Grand Total	51	104	28	183

Self-defined Suspect Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Year			Grand Total
	2017	2018	2019	
WHITE - BRITISH	1	0	0	1
Not Recorded	21	60	17	98
Grand Total	22	60	17	99

Self-defined Victim Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Year			Grand Total
	2017	2018	2019	
WHITE - BRITISH	2	0	0	2
Not Recorded	44	85	15	144
Grand Total	46	85	15	146

Suspect Gender

Gender	Year			Grand Total
	2017	2018	2019	
F	0	1	0	1
M	22	54	17	93
U	0	5	0	5
Grand Total	22	60	17	99

Victim Gender

Gender	Year			Grand Total
	2017	2018	2019	
F	34	64	14	112
M	12	20	0	32
U	0	1	1	2
Grand Total	46	85	15	146

Suspect Age

Age	Year			Grand Total
	2017	2018	2019	
12	0	2	0	2
14	0	2	0	2
15	0	1	0	1
16	0	0	1	1
17	1	1	0	2
18	5	2	1	8
19	0	2	1	3
20	0	2	0	2

21	0	5	0	5
22	0	3	0	3
25	1	0	0	1
26	1	3	0	4
27	1	3	2	6
28	2	6	0	8
29	0	1	0	1
30	1	3	1	5
31	0	2	0	2
33	0	1	1	2
35	0	2	0	2
36	0	1	0	1
37	0	1	1	2
39	0	2	0	2
40	2	0	0	2
42	0	1	1	2
43	0	1	2	3
45	1	3	0	4
46	1	1	0	2
47	1	0	1	2
48	0	1	0	1
50	0	0	2	2
52	1	0	1	2
53	1	0	0	1
54	0	2	0	2
58	0	1	0	1
60	2	0	0	2
62	0	1	0	1
63	0	0	1	1
68	0	0	1	1
70	0	4	0	4
78	1	0	0	1
Grand Total	22	60	17	99

Victim Age

Age	Year			Grand Total
	2017	2018	2019	

5	1	1	0	2
7	1	1	0	2
8	0	5	0	5
9	2	2	0	4
10	0	1	0	1
11	6	6	2	14
12	5	19	2	26
13	8	21	1	30
14	9	15	3	27
15	13	10	6	29
16	0	4	1	5
17	1	0	0	1
Grand Total	46	85	15	146

Crime Outcome

Outcome	Year			Grand Total
	2017	2018	2019	
Caution - adults	0	1	0	1
Charge/summons	6	7	0	13
Charge/Summons - alternate offence	2	0	0	2
Evidential Difficulties Victim Based – Named suspect not identified: The crime is confirmed but the victim either declines/ or is unable to support further police investigation to identify the offender.	3	17	0	20
Formal action against the offender is not in the public interest (Police)	1	1	0	2
Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible –Case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available	19	21	6	46
Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action	10	13	2	25
Named Suspect identified: victim supports police action but evidential difficulties prevent further action	4	20	1	25

Prosecution not in the public interest (CPS) (all offences)	1	0	0	1
Transferred to external agency	3	5	1	9
Under Investigation	2	19	18	39
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