



Rachel Kryś

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Ref: 8526

Dear Ms Kryś

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request which we received on 23 May 2019.

The FOI Act gives you the right to know whether we hold the information you want and to have it communicated to you, subject to any exemptions which may apply. It is a public disclosure regime, not a private regime. This means that any information disclosed under the FOI Act by definition becomes available to the wider public.

Request

Please supply data held showing the number of total pre-charge decisions, total administratively finalised decisions, total NFA decisions, and total decisions to charge at the monthly level by each CPS Area Rape and Serious Sexual Offences ('RASSO') unit between the start of 2009 and the present date.

Response

Please note prior to 2018 pre-charge cases were allocated not to the RASSO units but to the magistrates' courts unit that received them from the police. With effect from 1st January 2018 the ownership of pre-charge proceedings was amended to reflect the CPS Unit which made the charging decision. As a result, RASSO Unit data cannot be provided prior to 1st January 2018.

Figures for 2018/19 rape and sexual offences will be published in the annual Violence against Women and Girls' (VAWG) report which is due for release. This data is therefore withheld under section 22 of the FOI Act – 'future publication'. Please see the attached section 17 notice for a detailed explanation of this exemption.

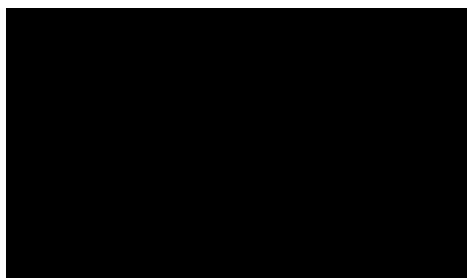
Under section 16 of the FOI Act we have an obligation to advise what, if any information may assist you with your request. Please find attached tables of data showing the monthly volumes of rape flagged



pre-charge decisions from April 2009 to March 2018. This data should be read in line with the caveats which are appended to the tables.

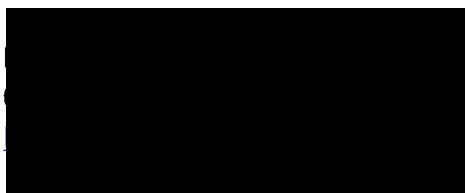
Caution is urged when analysing monthly data by Area. On occasions Areas will undertake housekeeping arrangements and administratively finalise significant numbers of inactive cases. This will invariably impact on charging and other rates calculated for the period in question.

If you are not satisfied with this response you have the right to request an internal review by responding in writing to one of the addresses below within two months of the date of this response. The internal review will be handled by a member of CPS staff who has not been involved with your original request.



You do have the right to ask the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) to investigate any aspect of your complaint. However, please note that the ICO is likely to expect internal complaints procedures to have been exhausted before beginning their investigation.

Yours sincerely



RAPE - PRE-CHARGE DECISIONS

TABLE 1 - TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE FINALISATIONS (Administrative finalisation is not a legal decision, it is an administrative process where cases are closed on the CPS' electronic Case Management System (CMS). Cases may be reopened, if at a late

Table with 19 columns (2009-2010 to 2010-2011) and 20 rows (Cymru Wales, Eastern, East Midlands, London North, London South, Merseyside & Cheshire, North East, North West, South East, South West, Thames and Chiltern, Wessex, West Midlands, Yorkshire & Humberside, TOTAL). Rows show monthly counts for each region and a total row.

TABLE 2 - TOTAL DECISIONS TO NFA

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TABLE 3 - TOTAL DECISIONS TO CHARGE

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The counting unit for CPS pre-charge records is the suspect in a case, as opposed to the number of offences, or the number of cases. Thus, if a single set of proceedings involves more than one suspect, then each suspect is counted, and a charging decision is re

Charge - The case has been finalised by a decision to charge.

NFA - Cases where a decision is taken not to prosecute for evidential or public interest reasons.

Administrative Finalisation - The case has been finalised administratively because there has been no response from the police to an action plan, early investigative advice has been given or another reason may apply. This is an administrative process and not a leg

- 1. CPS data are available through its Case Management System (CMS) and associated Management Information System (MIS). The CPS collects data to assist in the effective management of its prosecution functions. The CPS does not collect data that constitut
2. These data have been drawn from the CPS' administrative IT system, which (as with any large scale recording system) is subject to possible errors with data entry and processing. The figures are provisional and subject to change as more information is record
3. The official statistics relating to crime and policing are maintained by the Home Office (HO) and the official statistics relating to sentencing, criminal court proceedings, offenders brought to justice, the courts and the judiciary are maintained by the Ministry of Just
4. CPS London was reorganised and split into London North and London South in 2016. Historical case load figures prior to this date have been reassigned to the new London Areas based on the units prosecuting the cases.

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sd by the CPS. We are committed to improving the quality of our data and from mid-June 2015 introduced a new data assurance regime which may explain some unexpected variance in some future data sets ce (MOJ).

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2017-2018	2017-2018	2017-2018	2017-2018	2017-2018	2017-2018
October	November	December	January	February	March
5	2	4	3	0	6
5	3	20	6	10	30
3	1	2	4	0	2
2	30	25	8	3	11
3	24	6	23	29	14
0	0	0	13	12	5
9	10	3	1	6	3
5	5	5	3	5	2
6	7	5	2	4	4
2	3	1	3	7	2
7	13	7	7	14	16
0	2	0	5	3	1
8	15	16	10	12	42
2	1	2	6	3	7
83	116	96	99	106	147

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October	November	December	January	February	March
11	17	14	8	11	20
7	7	4	7	4	9
13	3	12	9	10	13
9	10	9	3	10	16
12	10	10	8	4	10
20	17	7	14	11	12
5	7	15	15	6	8
30	37	29	27	30	46
8	5	13	3	8	6
5	7	4	2	4	8
3	4	4	2	6	5
10	13	7	5	5	11
8	19	13	21	8	2
5	5	9	10	5	8
146	181	150	132	122	176

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October	November	December	January	February	March
23	14	11	24	8	6
13	11	7	5	4	7
17	29	27	20	14	16
14	25	21	4	11	7
22	10	10	6	11	5
14	16	11	6	11	5
16	11	14	11	9	9
45	18	33	25	17	11
13	11	14	13	6	13
11	6	9	10	10	6
16	11	15	7	6	5
10	23	11	9	5	5
29	25	11	13	21	11
35	22	14	29	8	11
278	232	208	184	141	119

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October	November	December	January	February	March
42	33	29	33	19	32
28	21	31	21	18	46
33	33	41	33	24	31
25	65	55	15	24	36
37	44	28	37	44	29
34	33	18	35	34	22
30	26	32	27	21	20
60	60	67	55	52	59
27	23	32	18	18	23
18	16	14	15	21	18
28	28	26	19	26	28
20	38	16	19	13	17
45	59	40	44	41	55
42	28	25	47	16	26
487	509	454	415	371	442