



Response Date:04/09/2026

2026/832 - Dating apps

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to request information regarding recorded crimes involving online dating platforms.

Please provide data for the timeframe 1st January 2024 to present day 2026, broken down by calendar year (2024, 2025, and 2026 to date).

Question 1: Total Recorded Crimes

How many total offenses were recorded by your force during the specified timeframe where the MO description or Incident Summary contained any of the following search terms:

"Tinder"

"Bumble"

"Hinge"

"Grindr"

"dating app" or "dating site"

Please categorize these matching records by the following crime classifications:

Sexual Offenses

Domestic Abuse / Domestic Violence

Stalking / Harassment

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REQUEST 2:

What would you like to know?: Question 2: Outcome / Charging Rates

For the crimes identified in Question 1 across each of those three categories (Sexual Offences, Domestic Abuse, Stalking & Harassment):

How many resulted in a Charge / Postal Requisition / Summons?

Please provide the breakdown of outcomes (e.g., Charged, Cautioned, Evidential Difficulties - Victim Does Not Support, No Suspect Identified) if readily available.

We searched for all occurrences with "Tinder", "Bumble", "Hinge", "Grindr", "Dating app" or "Dating site" within the summary. These have then been manually checked to ensure relevance to your request.

Calendar Year	Offence HO Group1	Offence HO Group2	Outcome	Domestic
2024	06. Theft	13. Other Theft	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	
2024	01. VAP	03. Violence without injury	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	
2024	01. VAP	03. Violence without injury	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	
2024	01. VAP	03. Violence without injury	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	
2024	01. VAP	03. Violence without injury	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	
2024	01. VAP	03. Violence without injury	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	

2024	02. Sexual Offences	05. Other Sexual Offences	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Yes
2024	02. Sexual Offences	04. Rape	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	
2024	06. Theft	13. Other Theft	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	
2024	01. VAP	03. Violence without injury	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Yes
2024	01. VAP	03. Violence without injury	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	
2024	06. Theft	13. Other Theft	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	
2024	01. VAP	03. Violence without injury	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	
2024	06. Theft	13. Other Theft	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	
2024	01. VAP	03. Violence without injury	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	
2024	06. Theft	13. Other Theft	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	
2024	13. Public Order Offences	27. Public Fear, Alarm or Distress	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	

2024	01. VAP	03. Violence without injury	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Yes
2024	02. Sexual Offences	04. Rape	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	
2024	01. VAP	03. Violence without injury	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	
2024	02. Sexual Offences	04. Rape	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Yes
2024	06. Theft	13. Other Theft	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	
2024	01. VAP	03. Violence without injury	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	
2024	01. VAP	03. Violence without injury	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	
2024	01. VAP	03. Violence without injury	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	
2025	01. VAP	03. Violence without injury	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	
2025	02. Sexual Offences	05. Other Sexual Offences	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Yes

2025	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	49. Obscene Publications etc.	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	
2025	01. VAP	03. Violence without injury	20. Other Body / Agency has Investigation Primacy	
2025	01. VAP	03. Violence without injury	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	
2025	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	49. Obscene Publications etc.	21. Police Named Suspect, Investigation Not in the Public Interest	
2025	02. Sexual Offences	05. Other Sexual Offences	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	
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2025	06. Theft	13. Other Theft	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	
2025	01. VAP	03. Violence without injury	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Yes
2025	01. VAP	03. Violence without injury	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	
2025	06. Theft	13. Other Theft	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	
2025	02. Sexual Offences	05. Other Sexual Offences	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	

2025	06. Theft	13. Other Theft	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	
2025	01. VAP	03. Violence without injury	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Yes
2025	06. Theft	13. Other Theft	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	
2025	06. Theft	13. Other Theft	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	
2025	01. VAP	03. Violence without injury	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Yes
2025	01. VAP	03. Violence without injury	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	Yes
2025	06. Theft	13. Other Theft	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	
2025	01. VAP	03. Violence without injury	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	
2025	01. VAP	03. Violence without injury	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	
2025	01. VAP	03. Violence without injury	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	
2025	06. Theft	13. Other Theft	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect	

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2025	01. VAP	03. Violence without injury	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Yes
2025	01. VAP	03. Violence without injury	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	
2025	01. VAP	03. Violence without injury	08. Community Resolution / Youth Restorative Disposal	
2025	06. Theft	13. Other Theft	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	
2025	06. Theft	13. Other Theft	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	
2025	01. VAP	03. Violence without injury	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	
2026	06. Theft	13. Other Theft	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	
2026	06. Theft	13. Other Theft	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	
2026	06. Theft	13. Other Theft	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	
2026	06. Theft	13. Other Theft	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	
2026	06. Theft	13. Other Theft	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	

2026	01. VAP	03. Violence without injury	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Yes
2026	06. Theft	13. Other Theft	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	
2026	01. VAP	03. Violence without injury	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	
2026	02. Sexual Offences	05. Other Sexual Offences	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	
2026	06. Theft	13. Other Theft	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	
2026	06. Theft	13. Other Theft	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	
2026	02. Sexual Offences	05. Other Sexual Offences	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	
2026	01. VAP	02. Violence with injury	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	
2026	01. VAP	03. Violence without injury	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	Yes
2026	06. Theft	13. Other Theft	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	
2026	10. Arson & Criminal Damage	18. Criminal Damage	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	Yes
2026	01. VAP	03. Violence without injury	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	

2026	01. VAP	03. Violence without injury	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	
2026	06. Theft	13. Other Theft	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	
2026	01. VAP	03. Violence without injury	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	
2026	01. VAP	03. Violence without injury	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	
2026	02. Sexual Offences	05. Other Sexual Offences	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	

REQUEST 3:

What would you like to know?: Question 3: Dating App Bans & Ancillary Orders

For the cases identified in Question 2 that resulted in a Charge, Caution, or Conviction:

How many resulted in an order, condition, or prohibition banning or restricting the offender/suspect from using dating apps or online dating services?

(Please include bans/prohibitions imposed via Court Orders or Legal Conditions, such as Sexual Harm Prevention Orders (SHPOs), Sexual Risk Orders (SROs), Stalking Protection Orders (SPO), Restraining Orders, or formal Pre-Charge / Post-Charge Police Bail Conditions).

Section 16 (Advice and Assistance / Cost Limit Refinement)

If answering Question 3 in full requires a manual review of individual court order files that would breach the appropriate cost limit under Section 12 of the FOIA: Please prioritize providing the numerical data for Question 1 and Question 2.

For Question 3, please restrict the search to recorded ancillary orders (e.g., SHPOs or Restraining Orders) that contain automated keyword tags for dating app prohibitions, or advise on how this portion of the request can be refined under Section 16.

Calendar Year	Offence HO Group1	Offence HO Group2	Outcome	Domestic	
2025	01. VAP	03. Violence without injury	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	Yes	Breach of restraining order
2026	01. VAP	03. Violence without injury	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	Yes	Breach of restraining order

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 26/08/2026