



Response Date: 29/05/2026

2026/453 - CSE offences

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Please provide the following information for the latest five reporting years (or, if cost exemptions prohibit it, the latest 12-month reporting period for which data is available):

1. The number of individuals recorded as suspects against offences flagged as involving child sexual exploitation (CSE).

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. To obtain the information in the format you have requested would involve manually reviewing each record on our force system. The cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (FOI) Fees and Appropriate Limit regulations 2004.

Therefore, in accordance with the FOI Act 2000 the information you have requested is exempt under Section 12 (1), and this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (5) of the legislation.

2. Of those individuals in Q1:

A) the number for whom checks were carried out against international policing databases (Interpol, Europol or other relevant international databases).

B) The number for whom such checks resulted in a positive match indicating that they were already recorded on such systems in connection with criminality or policing intelligence.

3. Of those individuals in Q1, how many were recorded in cases that contained one or more of the following words in your force's records: "vape", "vapes", "vape shop" (total number, no breakdown by specific search term is required)

4. Of those individuals in Q1, how many were recorded in cases that contained one or more of the following words in your force's records: "convenience store", "corner shop", "off licence", "mini market" and "mini mart" (total number, no breakdown by specific search term is required)

Please see the answer for Q1.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 22/05/2026

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