



Heddlu Police

**DYFED-POWYS**

**FOI Reference: 392/2017**

**Request:**

Under the freedom of information act, please provide me with the following information:

- 1) How many historic sexual abuse cases are currently under investigation?
- 2) How many of those cases involve incidents in which a child was the alleged victim?
- 3) Have reports of historic sexual abuse increased in your force area? If so, is there an approximation as to what the increase is? (20% year on year, double, etc.)

**Clarification:**

Please see further comments below with regards to the FOI sent this morning. I hope they further clarify the request. Please let me know if you require any further information.

- A definition of Sexual Abuse (specific offences would be best to search on)  
Any alleged offence under the **Sexual Offences Act 2003**  
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2003/42/contents>
  - If this poses a further problem in terms of hours /cost please advise what offences can be searched for under this legislation which are most commonly used in historic cases
- A definition of historic (e.g. over 12 months since the offence occurred?)  
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- A definition of child (under 16 / under 18?)  
Under 16
- A definition of the period to compare whether or not there is an increase (e.g. 2016/17 compared to 2015/16)  
An increase between 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17
- A definition of “currently under investigation” – those which still have the status of “New”?  
Any case which has a ‘new’ status, or is otherwise considered unresolved, in that no file has yet been passed to the CPS

**Response 1:**

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys police does hold the information requested. There are Ninety Seven (97) historical sexual abuse cases currently under investigation.

**Response 2:**

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys police does hold the information requested. Seventy two (72) of the cases involve a child as the alleged victim

**Response 3:**

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys police does hold the information requested the details of which are as follows:

2014/2015 = 75% increase  
2015/2016 = 31% increase  
2016/2017 = 3.4% increase

**It should be noted that owing to the systems adopted by Dyfed-Powys Police in relation to the recording of such matters the information provided may or may not be accurate.**

**Police Forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide crime statistics to government bodies and the recoding criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons this Force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.**