

## REQUEST

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are a group of criminology students at Nottingham Trent University currently working with Nottingham Citizens on a research project. This project aims to investigate the procedures and processes of reporting sexual offences in police forces across England and Wales. The end result of this research will be to propose a combination of the best strategies for tackling sexual offences to Nottingham Citizens.

As a result of this, we are seeking information on certain aspects of Metropolitan Police Services' reporting process. This email is addressed to you to obtain information on key areas we require for our academic research. It would be appreciated if you could answer the following questions:

- How many sexual offence cases are reported to your force each year?
- When a victim reports a sexual offence case, what is the step by step process that is undertaken?
- How many of the reported offences lead to a conviction?
- Does your police force have a specialist unit? If not, do you provide additional support for victims?

We look forward to hearing back from you regarding our research, thank you for taking the time to respond.

## RESPONSE

Thank you for your request for information dated 10/02/2017, concerning the Metropolitan Police Services' (MPS) reporting process.

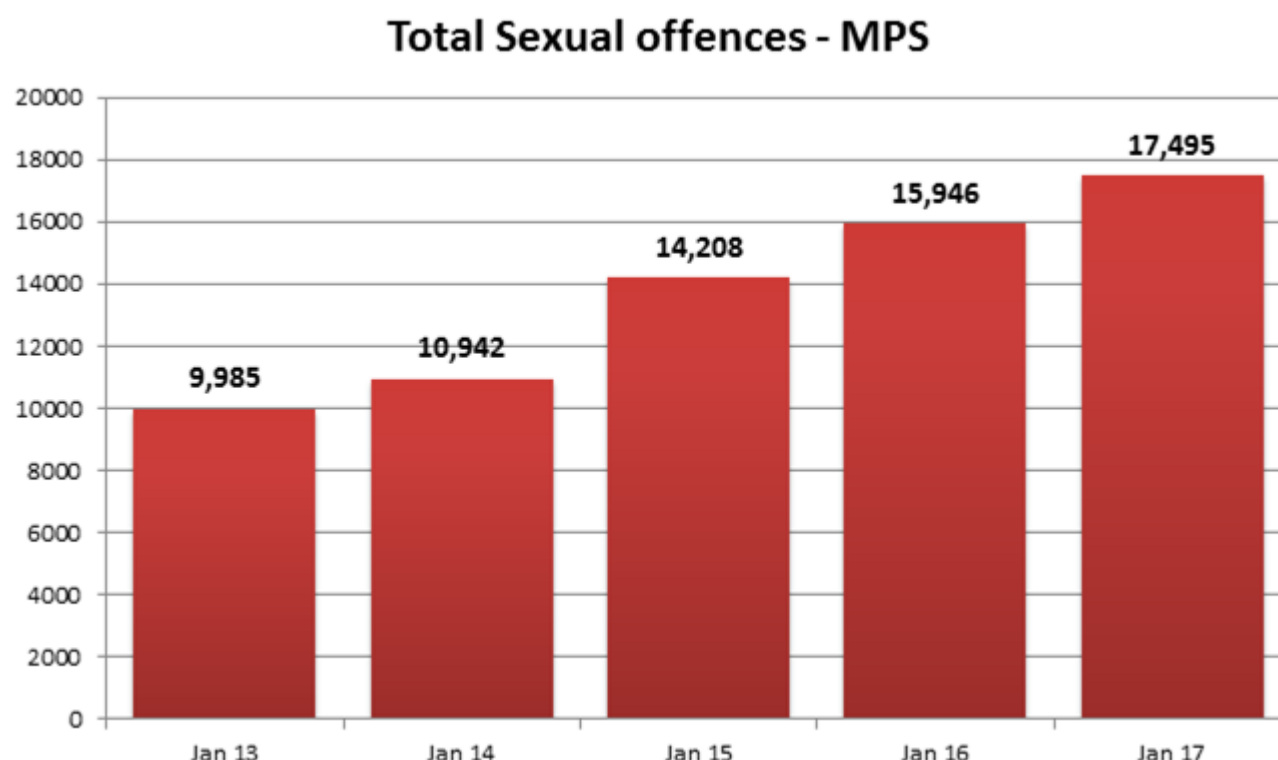
This request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

“information on certain aspects of Metropolitan Police Services' reporting process:

- How many sexual offence cases are reported to your force each year?”

Please see below the current rolling twelve month recorded total sexual offences to up to Jan 2017 for the MPS. (Each bar represents a twelve month period to the January of that year):



- “When a victim reports a sexual offence case, what is the step by step process that is undertaken?”

This information that you have requested is not held by the Mayor’s Office for Policing And Crime (MOPAC). I would suggest you visit the MPS website (<https://secure.met.police.uk/metric/>) who may hold the information you require.

- “How many of the reported offences lead to a conviction?”

This information that you have requested is not held by the Mayor’s Office for Policing And Crime (MOPAC). I would suggest you visit the Ministry of Justice’s website (<https://www.gov.uk/make-a-freedom-of-information-request/how-to-make-an-foi-request>) who may hold the information you require.

- “Does your police force have a specialist unit? If not, do you provide additional support for victims?”

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If you are unhappy with the response to your Freedom of Information request, please see the MOPAC website on what the next steps are at:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac/governance-and-decision-making/freedom-information>