



Freedom of Information request 0886-17

1. For each of the past five years (including 2017 to date), how many rapes and sexual assaults were reported to the force.
2. For each of those past five years (including 2017 to date), how many reported rapes and sexual assaults resulted in a prosecution.
3. For each of those years, how many victims were referred to local rape and sexual violence support groups (if possible, please state the name of the groups used by the force for referrals).
4. Has the force given any consideration to any waiting lists for rape and sexual violence support, and how such waiting lists can be mitigated against. If so, please provide details.

Clarification Received: “question 2 should ask about the number of reported rapes and sexual assaults that resulted in a charge, rather than a prosecution.”

RESPONSE

Questions 1 and 2

Please find the information requested on the tables below.

Year	Rape Recorded	Rape Charged	Sexual Assault Recorded	Sexual Assault Charged
2012	10	6	503	149
2013	15	4	616	153
2014	26	3	810	216
2015	12	6	1150	200
2016	25	3	1325	165
2017 (To 24/07)	19	0	807	42
Total	107	22	5211	925

It should be noted that figures relating to charges or outcomes on offences are dynamic and liable to change and the more recent offences are, the more likely it is that they are still under investigation. For instance, of the 19 Rape offences recorded to date in 2017, 10 currently have an ongoing investigation of which the outcome is yet to be determined.

Questions 3 and 4

As British Transport Police is a national police force, any victims of crimes recorded by British Transport Police are supported within their local force area and any victims consenting to be referred would be referred to the relevant Victim Support for their area who would then refer on to local support groups as appropriate. Therefore, British Transport Police do not directly formally refer victims to local rape and sexual violence

support groups and so do not record data on this subject or on waiting lists for such support.

It is possible that individual British Transport Police officers may have located and provided details of support services to victims on occasions as part of their victim care provisions if appropriate in the circumstances, but this would not be formally recorded and collated on any force system in a searchable format.