

Hertfordshire Constabulary
Reported Offences concerning Indecent Photos of Children
1st January 2016 - 31st January 2018

Please Note: The following Crime details relate to Reported Crimes where the Outcome assignment date was in the period stated.

Total Crimes concerning Indecent Photos of Children

Offence	Total
Child - Having Indecent Photo Of	125
Child-Distribute Indecent Photo	358
Child-Make Indecent Photo/Pseudo Photo Of Child	98
Child-Possess Indecent Photo For Distribution	12
Child-Show Indecent Photo	1
Child-Taking Indecent Photo	12
Harassment-Disclose Private Sexual Photographs	79
Total	685

Total Crimes concerning Indecent Photos of Children - Outcome 21

Further Investigation not in the Public Interest - Police decision

Offence	Total
Child - Having Indecent Photo Of	2
Child-Distribute Indecent Photo	139
Child-Make Indecent Photo/Pseudo Photo Of Child	6
Child-Taking Indecent Photo	1
Harassment-Disclose Private Sexual Photographs	1
Total	149

Total Crimes concerning Indecent Photos of Children - Outcome 10

Prosecution not in the Public Interest - Police decision

Offence	Total
Child-Distribute Indecent Photo	9
Total	9

Unfortunately due to the way the Crime details are recorded on our Crime Information System - it is not possible to identify which of these crimes relate to Images of the Young people themselves as opposed to photos of others. In line with the general policy of UK Police Forces for safeguarding and support for the child concerned to be of more importance than the criminal process, information which would identify the nature of the crime is only to be found in the free text fields of the Crime Reports and as such are not easily analysable. Identification of these would involve reading the details of every report and as such would exceed the time limit.
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