

Request reference: 1174A/24

1. Since its implementation into law in 2017, please state how many people have been charged by your force with the offence of sexual communication with a child (Section 67, Serious Crime Act 2015)

Please note - Due to a change of systems, we are unable to provide data for this request prior to April 2020.

A search of our system therefore shows 199 such offences with an outcome of charge recorded in the reduced period 01 April 2020 to 31 July 2024.

2. Of the people charged, how many of them have been convicted?

Court data are not fed back into our crime recording systems and therefore this information is not held by West Midlands Police. Instead, this information will be held His Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service (HMCTS) and therefore you might wish to apply to them for this information.

3. How many of the offences recorded were initiated online and how many offline?

Online = 188
Unknown = 11