



15th December 2025

Request to Northamptonshire Police:

1. For each calendar year since the offence of controlling or coercive behaviour in an intimate or family relationship was introduced (December 2015), please provide the number of crimes recorded by your force under this offence. Please provide a figure for each full year 2016 - 2025
2. For the corresponding period as (1) and for the same offence, please provide the number of those cases that resulted in a charge being authorised by the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS).
3. For the corresponding period as (1+2), and for the same offence, please provide the number of those cases that resulted in the charged individual being found guilty at any court.

Please refer to FOI 171030009 from 2016 where guilty charges are given by your force.

Response:

Due to a change in recording system, data is only available from March 2016. Data for 2025 is to 20th November.

1.

2016	21	2021	473
2017	86	2022	425
2018	283	2023	364
2019	480	2024	368
2020	529	2025	351

2. Charges/summons does not provide the full picture that all outcomes would

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
1A: Alternate offence charged		7	11	1	1
1A: Alternate offence summonsed/postal requisition		2	1		1
1: Charged	4	13	19	17	21
1: Summonsed/postal requisition		2	4	6	10
10: Police - formal action not in public interest					1
12: Named suspect identified but is dead or too ill (physical or mental health) to prosecute					
13: Named suspect but victim/key witness deceased or too ill					
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	1		2	3	3
15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties		6	22	41	60
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties		23	84	160	198
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	10	25	133	241	219
17: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit expired		2	2		1
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified		3	2	1	1
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy		1	2	3	9
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest				1	
22: Diversionary, educational or intervention activity, has been undertaken					1
3: Adult caution				1	
3A: Alternate offence adult caution			1		
5: Offender has died				1	
9: CPS - prosecution not in public interest				4	3
Hist - Resolved - 15.0 Suspect NFA evi diff	6	2			
UU unresolved					
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
1A: Alternate offence charged					1
1A: Alternate offence summonsed/postal requisition					
1: Charged	16	14	8	14	13
1: Summonsed/postal requisition	7	5	1		
10: Police - formal action not in public interest					
12: Named suspect identified but is dead or too ill (physical or mental health) to prosecute	2		1	4	1
13: Named suspect but victim/key witness deceased or too ill	2	1	1	1	3
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	1	4	4	3	2
15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	36	17	12	4	1



15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	195	136	123	112	61
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	205	234	194	207	192
17: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit expired	1	2	1	2	1
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	4	7	14	4	3
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	2	3	1	2	2
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest		1			
22: Diversionary, educational or intervention activity, has been undertaken					
3: Adult caution					
3A: Alternate offence adult caution					
5: Offender has died	1	1		1	
9: CPS - prosecution not in public interest					
Hist - Resolved - 15.0 Suspect NFA evi diff					
UU unresolved	1		4	14	71

3. Please note, 171030009 is not a Northamptonshire Police reference number. Searches were conducted within Northamptonshire Police to locate the information and I can now confirm that Northamptonshire Police does not hold any information relative to your request. Information on convictions i.e. results at Court, are held by His Majesty's Court Service.

The numerical data presented in this response is an un-audited snapshot of un-published data sourced from "live" systems and is subject to the interpretation of the original request by the individual extracting the data.

Every effort is made to ensure that the figures presented are accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that the data has been extracted from a number of data sources used by forces for police purposes. The detail collected to respond specifically to your request is subject to the inaccuracies inherent in any large scale recording system. As a consequence, care should be taken to ensure data collection processes and their inevitable limitations are taken into account when interpreting the data.

The figures provided therefore are our best interpretation of relevance of data to your request, but you should be aware that the collation of figures for ad hoc requests may have limitations and this should be taken into account when the data is used.

If you decide to write an article / use the enclosed data, we would ask you to take into consideration the factors highlighted in this document so as to not mislead members of the public or official bodies or misrepresent the relevance of the whole or any part of this disclosed material.

APPEAL RIGHTS

If you are unhappy with how your request has been handled or you do not think the decision is correct, you have the right to require the Northamptonshire Police to review their decision.

Prior to lodging a formal appeal you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the case officer that dealt with your request.

Ask to have the decision looked at again

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision looked at again is to telephone the case officer that is nominated at the end of your decision letter. That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

Appeal

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision that Northamptonshire Police have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) regarding access to information, you can lodge an appeal with the Northamptonshire Police to have the decision reviewed.

Appeals should be made in writing within 20 days of receipt of your reply and emailed to freedomofinformation@northants.police.uk or addressed to:

**Freedom of Information Manager
Information Unit
Darby House
10-14 Darby Close
Park Farm Industrial Estate
Wellingborough
NN8 6GS**

Where possible the Northamptonshire Police will aim to respond to your appeal within 20 working days. However meeting this time scale will depend upon the circumstances and complexity of the issue.

The Information Commissioner

After lodging an appeal with the Northamptonshire Police, if you are still dissatisfied with the decision, you may make an application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make an application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at www.ico.org.uk Alternatively, telephone or write to:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Phone: 0303 123 1113



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