

**OPERATION HYDRANT QUARTERLY STATISTICS****BREAKDOWN OF LIVE INVESTIGATIONS UP TO AND INCLUDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2018**

Statistics released by Operation Hydrant provide an indicative national figure, up to and including the 30 September 2018, in relation to investigations into non-recent child sexual abuse involving an institution, organisation or a person of public prominence. The figures are accurate at the time of publication but may change as forces progress local investigations and as the information offered is further analysed.

Operation Hydrant collates this information, cross-references it to avoid duplication of investigation and ensures information and intelligence is shared across forces. The process of operational coordination is complex and detailed, and remains ongoing, meaning that figures provided may fluctuate.

The total number of alleged suspects notified to Operation Hydrant since its inception in 2014 totals 5572. This comprises 4977 males, 416 females and 179 of unknown sex. Where suspects are classified as unknown/unidentified, this may be for example, someone who is identified by profession but not by name.

3721 alleged suspects remain subject to live investigations.

Within the cumulative figure of 5572 alleged suspects, 849 are deceased.

Investigations in relation to 1851 alleged suspects are closed. A closed investigation is any investigation which has an outcome such as, No Further Action (NFA) by Police, NFA by the Crown Prosecution Service, acquitted, convicted or cautioned.

278 alleged suspects are classified as Persons of Public Prominence (PPPs). PPP's represent only 5% of the total alleged suspects on Operation Hydrant's database. These include:

- 90 from TV, film, or radio
- 67 are listed as politicians (including both national and local)
- 36 are from the music industry
- 28 are from the world of sport

The total number of victims on the Operation Hydrant database is 7162, comprising 5153 males, 1973 females and 36 of unknown sex.

2927 different institutions feature on the Operation Hydrant database. These include:

- 1174 schools
- 529 children's homes
- 329 sport
- 317 religious institutions
- 214 children & young people's associations & clubs
- 129 health establishments

Operation Hydrant is informed by police forces of investigations meeting the Operation Hydrant criteria and then coordinates the information to prevent duplication. This is called 'de-confliction'.

As forces started to capture the surge in adults reporting being sexually abused as a child, it quickly became apparent that victims were reporting being sexually abused as children by multiple offenders and in different geographical areas. There was real potential for duplication as forces commenced investigations, and the purpose of Operation Hydrant is to provide operational coordination and 'de-conflict' – to remove duplication by cross referencing accounts from victims and witnesses, identifying where forces had different allegations against one

suspect, and bringing those forces together to agree primacy and collaborative working going forward. This operational coordination function also allows for the sharing of intelligence and information.

Operation Hydrant has undertaken 977 de-conflictions as a direct consequence of reports it has received from forces and third parties.

## Notes

In these statistics the number of suspects in live investigations has gone down, which indicates that a number of investigations have now closed.

### **National Police Chiefs' Council lead for Child Protection, Chief Constable Simon Bailey said:**

“We continue to see reports of non-recent child sexual abuse increase across the UK. This is demonstrative of how much the confidence of victims and survivors continues to grow and they are coming forward and talking to the police.

“Operation Hydrant’s data, which provides this national picture, shows that non-recent child sexual abuse involving institutions and organisations have the highest number of reports.

“Every police force across the country has one or more ongoing investigation relating to non-recent child sexual abuse and it is important that victims of child sexual abuse continue to have the confidence to come forward. Across UK policing, we will continue to investigate allegations thoroughly and impartially, no matter how long ago the offence took place.”