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**Freedom of Information Request**

You asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

***How many persons convicted of offences of rape in 2015 already had convictions for:***

***a) another offence of rape,***

***b) another sexual offence,***

***c) another violent offence and***

***d) any other offence?***

***Please provide the figures in the same format and on the same basis as those that were provided for the 2013 calendar year in response to a separate FoI request [Ref: FOI/90363].***

***2. In a previous FoI response [Ref: FOI/93329] you provided a table showing offenders sentenced for knife, firearms and rape offences by the number of previous convictions for the same offence. Could you provide me with similar data in relation to 2015?***

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I can confirm that the department holds the information you have requested and I am pleased to provide this information in the tables below.

**Question 1**

Table 1 presents the number of offenders who were convicted of rape in 2015 in England and Wales, by type of previous conviction(s) from the point of the latest conviction



**Question 2**

​Table 2 presents statistics on the number of offenders sentenced for a firearms, knife, or rape offence by number of previous convictions for the same offence in England and Wales, 2015.



The figures provided have been drawn from an extract of the Police National Computer (PNC) data held by the Department. The PNC holds details of all convictions and cautions given for recordable offences and include a number of offences where it is not possible for offenders to be given a custodial sentence. As with any large scale recording system the PNC is subject to possible errors with data entry and processing so data provided may be subject to revision.

You can also find more information by reading the full text of the FOIA (available at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/contents>) and further guidance <http://www.justice.gov.uk/guidance/freedom-of-information.htm>.