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Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 23.09998

Thank you for your request for recorded data held by South Yorkshire Police

Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act I am kindly requesting the following information: 'in 2020 (full year), 2021(full year), 2022 (full year) and 2023 (to March):

- (a) how many incidents at a Co-op* store have been reported to the South Yorkshire Police?;**
- (b) how many times have the South Yorkshire Police attended in person to an incident reported to them at a Co-op* store?; and**
- (c) how many people have been charged to court having committed an offence at a Co-op* store? * Co-op, Coop, Co-op Group, Co-operative, Co-operative Group'**

Response

Q (a) and (b) I approached the administrator for South Yorkshire Police's Incident Management System.

The Smart system records the majority of calls to South Yorkshire Police requiring the specific deployment of police resources, whether reported by members of the public via 999 or 101 or 'happened upon' by officers and staff in the course of their duties. The log runs as a running commentary of an incident as it unfolds and has limited search capability.

They have provided the below table and explanation of their search criteria:

Please see the below for the results:

Year	Total Incident Volumes	Attended
2023 -Jan-Mar	309	45
2022	900	214
2021	708	200
2020	522	234

Please note I have not included calls to other Co-op companies such as, Travel, Funeral, Pharmacies, Service Stations, Bank etc.

It does however include Co Operative Retail Services LTD as I'm unclear if this is a store which they are interested in. If this is something different I can remove these volumes

Q (c) – For the charges element of your request, I approached our Crime Management Data Returns Administrator for assistance. The Connect System is used to record complaints or allegations of those matters, which the Home Office specify should be recorded as 'crime' and can provide us with Outcomes ie charged, Caution, NFA etc

They provided me with data which I have reviewed. The premises names/types include stores, filling stations, retail services, banks, etc. Some just give a Unit number and then the word Co-op so are unclear what the business type is. If we were to check each Offence of which there is 4852 to work out which ones are store/shops this would trigger the 18hr rule and be exempted under Section 12(1) – Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit so I have provided all the locations for your research.

(If you are requiring specific locations rather than a word search please let us have the addresses and we can rerun the search)

Please find attached completed FOI and below explanation.

I've provided a count of all offences recorded on CONNECT Crime between Incident Created Date 01-JAN-2020 and 31-MAR-2023 where the crime location "Premises Name" is like "%CO OP%" or "%COOPERATIVE%" or "%CO-OP%" or "Premises Name" is equal to "COOP". Please see below OBI filter –

Please note –

- Spelling variations of cannot be accounted for