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**Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20181576**

**REQUEST**

Please can I request the following data:

For each of the following years (separate figures for each year) 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017:

- a) The total number of suspects identified in crimes who were aged 10 to 17.
- b) A breakdown of the outcomes in each of these crimes, for example how many were released without charge, how many were cautioned and so on.

Can I also please request the same data for the first six months of 2018, Jan 1 to June 30.

**RESPONSE**

I approached our Crime Management Data Returns Officer for assistance with your request. The CMS system and Connect System is used to record complaints or allegations of those matters, which the Home Office specify should be recorded as 'crimes'.

She conducted a search of the two crime management systems. (CMS - our legacy system which provides data up to 4th December 2017 and our new CONNECT system which records crimes from that date onwards)

She provided me with the enclosed spreadsheet in response and the following explanation regarding her search criteria:

*CMS(ii) data*

*I have included a count of offenders aged between 10 – 17 at the time of offence, where the outcome has been recorded on the CMS(ii) crime register between 01-Jan-2013 and 04-Dec-2017. **I have only included named offenders that have been recorded with an outcome, therefore this will not be an accurate reflection of the total number of suspects recorded.***

*CONNECT data*

*I have included a count of offenders aged between 10 – 17 at the time of offence, where the outcome has been recorded on the CONNECT for crime between 05-Dec-2017 and 30-Jun-2018. **I have only included named offenders that have been recorded with an outcome, therefore this will not be an accurate reflection of the total number of suspects recorded on the CONNECT crime recording system.***

*This data has been extracted from live crime recording systems therefore we would expect changes, if the data was extracted again at a later date.*

- *The Home Office changed the approach to reviewing outcomes of crimes implemented in South Yorkshire in July 2014, and now a broader framework is now in place. A crime which would have previously been closed as 'undetected' is now given a specific outcome based on*

*the specific circumstances of that crime. However, as requested we have only provided specific outcomes based on the requesters requirements.*

- *In addition, the outcomes CHARGED, SUMMONS and CAUTIONS changed in 2017 and we now specifically record for what offence, the offender was charged i.e. CHARGED is now recorded as either CHARGED WITH OFFENCE RECORDED Or CHARGED WITH AN ALTERNATIVE OFFENCE, therefore the outcomes are applicable depending on the year recorded the offence was recorded.*

*We have had to take a slightly different approach to extracting the data from CONNECT as the data is not recorded in the same format as the legacy system CMS(ii). SYP have changed their central crime management system in December 2017. Therefore data from the new system cannot be used as a direct comparison due to the different ways in which crimes are recorded. However, the data has been given to comply with original request and displayed here to show an outline trend.*