

6th November 2018

Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20181859

REQUEST

- 1. How many incidents of "upskirting" have been reported between 1st October 2013 and 1st October 2018?**
- 2. Where possible, please break down the date of when the incident was alleged by indicating the month and year.**
- 3. Where possible, please state the details of the allegation (Basic details such as what is alleged to have happened, the age and sex of the alleged victim, where known).**
- 4. Please state whether the allegation ever formed some part of a criminal charge and details of any prosecutions of "upskirting" offences, including what they were charged with.**

RESPONSE

I approached our Crime Management Data Returns Administrator 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)

They were able to provide me with the raw data from the system and the below explanation of their search. From the raw data I checked each one to see which ones were applicable to your request and compiled the attached spreadsheet.

The Administrator explained:

There is no specific offence of 'Upskirting', therefore I have searched our crime management systems as below –

CMS(ii) Data

I have included a count of the offence VOYEURISM, where the offence was recorded on the CMS(ii) crime register between 01-Oct-2013 and 04-Dec-2017, where the word 'SKIRT' has been recorded within the circumstances of offence free text field, 1 offence returned.

CONNECT Data

I have included a count of the offence VOYEURISM, where the offence was recorded on CONNECT for crime between 05-Dec-2017 and 01-Oct-2018, where the word 'SKIRT' has been recorded within the Initial MO free text field, 3 offences returned.

The circumstances of the offence text and Initial MO need to be reviewed to identify if the offence is relevant to the request.