5th March 2019

Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20190113

REQUEST

I am sending this message to request data on hate crime recorded by your police force. I'm requesting a list containing recorded hate crimes from 2013 to 2018 or if not available for all the whole period, as far back as records are available, containing the following data:

1) Recorded date (or month if exact date is not available)
2) Location or district
3) Type of hate crime
Based on a previous successful request to Greater Manchester Police, these should be Race, Religion, Sexuality, Transgender, Disability or Subculture. One crime can often be recorded in more than one category.

CLARIFICATION

South Yorkshire Police has received a number of similar requests to yours in the past.

https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/accessing-information/request-information-under-the-freedom-of-information-act/hate-crime-ref-20180631/

FROM THE REQUESTER

I'm requesting that the data is not aggregated per year but is instead individual events that include the following information: the date, the aggravating factor (or type of) hate crime, and the district within your region (this could also be postcode if that's more convenient)

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)

For FOI requests such as this, we access the two separate systems and the retrieval and data extraction varies greatly dependant on the search capabilities and the inputted data. The information you receive therefore may be in two different formats depending on your time parameters, and the data we can provide which will be dependent on the search capabilities of each system. All our systems are designed and used first and foremost for Policing Purposes and have limited search capability.

They were able to provide me with data from which the attached spreadsheets have been compiled. Figures have been provided on individual tables to anonymise the data and make it suitable for release into the public domain, releasing the data in this format restricts any possibility of identifying individuals.

Please see the below explanation of her search:

Please see the attached data and the below explanation.

CMS(II) Data –

I have included a count of offences recorded on the CMS(II) Crime Register between 01-Jan-2012 and 04-Dec-2017, where the offence was recorded with a Hate Aggravating Factor, broken down by the scene of crime District. Of this count, I have also included a breakdown by Hate Aggravating Factor. Please note – we expect a count of aggravating factors to exceed a count of offences as more than one can be recorded on any offence.

CONNECT Data -

I have included a count of offences recorded on the CONNECT between 05-Dec-2017 and 31-Dec-2018, where the offence was recorded with a Hate Indicator, broken down by the scene of BCU Desc. Of this count, I have also included a breakdown by Hate Indicator. Please note – we expect a count of Hate Indicators to exceed a count of offences as more than one can be recorded on any offence.

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.