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Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20190123

REQUEST

This is a request made under the Freedom of Information Act.
Please can you provide the following information:
• Hate crimes and incidents against transgender identity recorded. The total number and by offence type (violence against the person, sexual offences, robbery, arson, public order offences…or other classification available) per year, between January 2010 and December 2017. Please provide this using a yearly breakdown (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017)
• Hate crimes and incidents against transgender identity recorded as having taken place online (cybercrime). For each, the total number and by offence type (violence against the person, sexual offences, robbery, arson, public order offences…or other classification available) per year, between January 2010 and December 2017. Please provide this using a yearly breakdown (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017).
I acknowledge that recording crimes with an online flag is a recent recording mechanism. Given the likelihood of such a small number of crimes being recorded, please can you search your crime records for any hate crimes against transgender identity that has an online element?
• The date since when the online crime flag is being used by this police force
• Please provide a breakdown of the hate crimes towards transgender identity, which occurred online between January 2010 and December 2017, on a case-by-case basis including: Victim's Age Victim's self-defined gender Identity: Trans Male Trans Female Other Victim's self-defined ethnicity Offence Type Platforms Used: Social media Online Forums Comments sections of media articles Text messages Emails Others

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.

She provided me with the enclosed spreadsheet and the following explanation of her search criteria:

Please see the attached and the below explanation.

CMS(ii) Data –

I have included a count of offences recorded on the CMS(ii) Crime register between 01-Jan-2010 and 04-Dec-2017 recorded with a victim and the aggravating factor – Transgender. Of this count, I have included the number recorded with the Online Crime flag.
Please note – the Cybercrime flag was only introduced to CMS(ii) 01-Apr-2014 when it became a Home Office mandatory requirement, prior to this date I cannot provide such data.

*I have also provided a breakdown of the victim's age at the time of offence, gender and ethnicity. I cannot provide the victim's **self-defined gender Identity** as this is not mandatorily recorded.*

CONNECT Data –

I have included a count of offences recorded for CONNECT crime between 05-Dec-2017 and 31-Dec-2017 recorded with a victim and the Transgender Indicator. Of this count, 1 offence was recorded with the Online Crime Indicator.

*I have also provided a breakdown of the victim's age at the time of offence, gender and ethnicity. I cannot provide the victim's **self-defined gender Identity** as this is not mandatorily recorded.*