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**Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20181450**

**REFINED REQUEST**

**The number of people charged for stalking for the first time.  
The total number of people charged for stalking by gender.  
The total number people charged for stalking who have had previous charges for stalking.**

**Please provide me with data for the past three financial years, starting from 2017/18 and working backwards.**

**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:

*In order to potentially identify if an offender has been previously dealt with for 'Stalking' would mean reviewing each individual offender at record level, as we cannot readily identify if the offender was a repeat offender and for what previous offences. I believe this would be creating new information to service this request, therefore I haven't provided a response for question 1 & 3.*

*CMS (ii) data - I have provided a count of offenders, where the offence recorded is within the Home Office Offence class – Stalking where the offence outcome was recorded between 01-Apr-2015 and 04-Dec-2017, broken down by the offender's outcome and gender.*

*CONNECT data - I have provided a count of offenders, where the offence recorded is within the Home Office Offence class – Stalking where the offence outcome was recorded between 05-Dec-2017 and 31-Mar-2018, broken down by the offender's outcome and gender.*