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Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20191404

REQUEST

1. Please provide the number of homophobic hate crimes recorded by your force for the following financial years - please break the figures down by whether the victim was male or female:

- a. 2014/15**
- b. 2015/16**
- c. 2016/17**
- d. 2017/18**
- e. 2018/19**

2. Please tell me the outcomes (charged, NFA, caution etc.) of the investigations into the homophobic hate crimes recorded in the answers to Q1a-e for the following financial years - please break the figures down by whether the victim was male or female:

- a. 2014/15**
- b. 2015/16**
- c. 2016/17**
- d. 2017/18**
- e. 2018/19**

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)

All our systems are designed and used first and foremost for Policing Purposes and have limited search capability.

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

Please see the attached data and below explanation.

CMS(ii) Data – I have included a count of offences recorded on the CMS(ii) Crime register between 01-Apr-2014 and 04-Dec-2017, where the offence recorded with the Hate Aggravating factor – Sexual Orientation. Of this count, I have included a breakdown of the offences recorded by the Victim's gender and the offence outcome.

Please note – 5 offences were recorded without a victim and 2 offences were recorded with 2 victims on the same crime report.

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.

CONNECT Data - I have included a count of offences recorded for CONNECT Crime between 05-Dec-2017 and 31-Mar-2019, where the offence recorded with the Hate Indicator – Sexual Orientation. Of this count, I have included a breakdown of the offences recorded by the Victim's gender and the offence outcome.

Please note – 10 offences were recorded without a victim and 4 offences were recorded with 2 victims on the same crime report.

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.