16th May 2019

Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20191152

REQUEST

1)   How many arrests has your force made under the Assaults on Emergency Workers (Offences) Act 2018 since it came into effect on November 13th 2018 until 13th May 2019?

2)   How many prosecutions has your force commenced against individuals under the Assaults on Emergency Workers (Offences) Act 2018 since it came into effect on November 13th 2018 until 13th May 2019?

RESPONSE

Our Crime Management Data Returns Administrator records data on the Connect System. It is used to record complaints or allegations of those matters, which the Home Office specify should be recorded as 'crimes'.

The data we can provide which will be dependent on the search capabilities of the system. All our systems are designed and used first and foremost for Policing Purposes and have limited search capability.

In respect of Q2 - Prosecution data is not recorded by South Yorkshire Police, this information may be available from the Ministry of Justice.

Q1 - Provided is the enclosed spreadsheet and the following explanation of the search criteria:

Please see the attached data and below explanation.

I have provided a count of offences Contrary to section 39 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 and section 1 of the Assaults on Emergency Workers (Offences) Act 2018, where the offence was recorded for CONNECT crime between 01-Nov-2018 and 31-Mar-2019. Of this offence count, I have also provided the offence outcome.

No offences were recorded for November.

Of the offence count, I have included details of the victim's gender and age at the time of the incident and also a breakdown of the victim's occupation type 1 & 2. However, these fields are not a mandated requirement and therefore may not be recorded.

Please note –

I have not been able to provide data regarding offenders in CONNECT due to the ongoing issues. As previously stated, PMU has taken the decision that we are unable to provide data regarding suspects i.e. outcomes, ages, gender etc. due to data quality and accuracy issues, therefore I cannot currently fulfil this part of the request.