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Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20192087

REQUEST

For each of the calendar years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 up to September 20, please state the number of reports your force received of drink spiking / drink lacing incidents.

For each reported crime please state the gender of the victim, the age of the victim, whether a charge was brought and if a charge was brought, whether there was a conviction. If a defendant was charged/convicted with an alternative offence please state this too.

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:

For consistency with other similar requests, I have provided the offence outcomes and Victims details for each dataset.

Such circumstances of offence may be recorded in accordance with the Home Office Counting Rules - The Principal Crime Rule (1 of 1) IF THE SEQUENCE OF CRIMES IN AN INCIDENT, OR A COMPLEX CRIME, CONTAINS MORE THAN ONE TYPE OF CRIME, THEN COUNT THE MOST SERIOUS CRIME, therefore I can only extract data based on MO recorded for CMS(ii) and CONNECT, however MO are not a mandated requirement, therefore using this field may not accurately reflect what is potentially recorded on CMS(ii) or CONNECT.

However, if the requester is only interested in the offences ADMINISTERING POISON SO AS TO ENDANGER LIFE ADMINISTERING POISON WITH INTENT TO INJURE OR ANNOY recorded under offence class ASSAULT WITH INJURY or ADMINISTERING A SUBSTANCE WITH INTENT recorded under OTHER MISCELLANEOUS SEXUAL OFFENCES, then these have also be included regardless if they are recorded with the said MOs. These offences have been recorded in accordance with the below Home Office Counting Rule -

88C Other Miscellaneous Sexual Offences Classification / Counting Rule (1 of 1)

APPLICATION OF THE RULE

Administering poison with intent to injure or annoy:

If the intentions of the offender (e.g. in drink spiking) are sexual, record one crime of 88/5 (administering a substance with intent) under class 88C. If the intentions are unknown, record under class 8N (poisoning).

Example 1 - A female's drink was spiked but the intentions of the offender, other than to annoy, are unknown.

One crime, class 8/2 (8N).

CMS(ii) Data

Of the offence count provided for 20192087, I have provided a count of offences recorded on the CMS(ii) Crime register between 01-Jan -2015 and 04-Dec-2017 where the MO DRINK/FOOD SPIKED WITH DRUGS/ALCOHOL and/or MO SEX MO - DRUG/DATE RAPE . However, for MO DRINK/FOOD SPIKED WITH DRUGS/ALCOHOL we cannot distinguish between FOOD and DRINK.

I have also included a count of the offences ADMINISTERING POISON SO AS TO ENDANGER LIFE & ADMINISTERING POISON WITH INTENT TO INJURE OR ANNOY recorded under offence class ASSAULT WITH INJURY or ADMINISTERING A SUBSTANCE WITH INTENT recorded under OTHER MISCELLANEOUS SEXUAL OFFENCES where the offence recorded on the CMS(ii) Crime register between 01-Jan -2015 and 04-Dec-2017.

Of the offence counts, I have provided the Offence Outcome and Victim Details.

CONNECT Data

Of the offence count provided for 20192087, I have provided a count of offences recorded for CONNECT Crime between 05-Dec-2017 and 30-Sep-2019 where the MO DESC 3 is Drink Interfered With – Spiked.

I have also included a count of the offences ADMINISTERING POISON SO AS TO ENDANGER LIFE & ADMINISTERING POISON WITH INTENT TO INJURE OR ANNOY recorded under offence class ASSAULT WITH INJURY or ADMINISTERING A SUBSTANCE WITH INTENT recorded under OTHER MISCELLANEOUS SEXUAL OFFENCES ADMINISTERING A SUBSTANCE WITH INTENT.

Of the offence counts, I have provided the Offence Outcome and Victim Details.

Please note -

- MO are not a mandated requirement, therefore using this field may not accurately reflect what is potentially recorded on CMS(ii) or CONNECT.*
- 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.*
- In order to establish if the offences provided are relevant to the request then each offence would have to be reviewed to identify the circumstances of the offence, therefore please advise if you require the serial\Incident no.*