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Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20191091

REQUEST

Could you please tell me the number of hate crimes recorded at schools and colleges in each calendar year for the past 5 years, broken down by month? I appreciate that the 2019 year is not yet complete, but even partial data for this year would be acceptable.

And could you also provide a breakdown of the description of the hate crime (race, sexuality etc) for each year?

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 find attached completed FOI.

CMS(II) Data Offences–

I have included a count of offences recorded on the CMS(II) Crime Register between Stats date 01-JAN-2014 and 05-Dec-2017, where the offence was recorded with a Hate Aggravating Factor and where the Premises Type is recorded as SCHOOL/COLLEGE, broken down HO Description, month and year recorded. I have also included a breakdown by Hate Aggravating Factor. Please note – we expect a count of aggravating factors to exceed a count of offences as more than one can be recorded on any offence.

CONNECT Data Offences -

I have included a count of offences recorded on the CONNECT Crime between Incident Created Date 04-DEC-2017 and 30-APR-2019, where the offence was recorded with a Hate Indicator and where MO DESC 1 = LOCATION and MO DESC

3 = SCHOOL or COLLEGE or the Premises Type is recorded as SCHOOL or COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY , broken down by HO Description, month and year recorded. I have also included a breakdown by Hate Indicator. Please note – we expect a count of Hate Indicators to exceed a count of offences as more than one can be recorded on any offence.