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Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20193399

REQUEST

Please could you tell me the number sexual assault, harassment, or rape cases, referred to you by universities over the past five academic years.

If you can break this down by the number of cases per university per year, then please do.

If not, I'm happy to receive the overall number per academic year.

For clarity, I'm requesting figures for September-September in:

2018-19

2017-18

2016-17

2015-16

2014-15

If you have figures so far for the 2019-20 academic year then I would also like those

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 see the attached and the below explanation.

CMS(ii) – I have included a count of the specified offences where the crime scene premises type is University where the offence was recorded on the CMS(ii) Crime Register between 01-Sep-2014 and 04-Dec-2017. Based on the year being Sep – Aug.

CONNECT – I have included a count of the specified offences where the premises type is University\College or the MO Desc 2 is Educational Establishment and the MO Desc 2 is University- Campus, where the offence was recorded for CONNECT Crime 05-Dec-2017 and 31-Dec-2019. Based on the year being Sep – Aug. Any offences returned where the

premises type is University\College have been reviewed to ensure only offences are included where the location is a University.

I have manually checked each record and added in a third tab on the spreadsheet which gives University/ location names. Please note the text field for house detail/name is a free text field within CMS(ii) and CONNECT and therefore spelling variations and errors may occur. In addition, this is not a mandated requirement and detail may not be recorded.