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Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20200526

REQUEST

Yes please, if you could provide the outcomes, that would be very helpful!

Original - How many rapes/sexual assaults were reported each year?

RESPONSE

The Crime Management Data Returns Administrator 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)

They have provided the attached spreadsheet of stats and now including Outcomes your original reequest, as well as a statement regarding the type data we record.

Please see the attached data,

CMS(ii) Data - I have provided a count of the specified offences recorded on the CMS(II) Crime register between 01-Jan-2009 and 04-Dec-2017.

CONNECT Data - I have provided a count of the specified offences recorded on the CMS(II) Crime register between 05-Dec-2017 and 31-Dec-2019.

The Police do not record prosecution data, rather data from the recording of a crime up to the Police charging decision. This is not the same as the prosecution decision, this data is held by the local/national CPS. Police in agreement with the CPS will make a decision to charge a suspect with an offence, but the decision to prosecute an individual is with the courts. Police do play a part in the prosecution team, as do the CPS, lawyers, criminal justice system and courts.

The Police record data where the victim withdraws/does not support Police action (Police outcome 14 and 16), this will be before the Police decide to charge a suspect. This will be the outcome of the Police investigation and it is not likely to proceed to CPS decision. This answers only part of the question though. Police disposal data is based on the volume of investigations, whereas CPS data is based on the nominal – therefore the two datasets cannot be used in conjunction.