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Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20200108

REQUEST

What were the results of police action for all knife-related incidents in Sheffield in the last five years?

Please provide the year of the offence, nature of the crime, age of the suspect, and police action taken (or not taken as it maybe).

CLARIFICATION

South Yorkshire Police has received a number of similar requests to yours in the past.

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/accessing-information/request-information-under-the-freedom-of-information-act/knife-possession-offences-u18-ref-20190353/>

RESPONSE

I approached a Performance Review Officer for assistance with your request.

All our systems are designed and used first and foremost for Policing Purposes and have limited search capability.

He provided me with Annual Data Return Stats (Offence, Age of Suspect and Outcomes) on the enclosed spreadsheet and the following explanation of the search criteria:

Please see attached. The definition for Knife Crime is dictated by our Annual Data Return (ADR160) return to the Home Office, and consists of offences where a knife of sharp instrument has been used or threatened.