

26<sup>th</sup> May 2020

**Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20201151**

**REQUEST**

- 1. How many incidents of Adolescent to Parent Violence and/or Abuse (APVA) were recorded by your police force? - Please provide the figures per financial year for the following years 2019/20, 2018/19 and 2018/17 - For example, in 2016/17, the force recorded 12 incidents of Adolescent to Parent Violence and/or Abuse**
  
- 2. How many of these incidents Adolescent to Parent Violence and/or Abuse (APVA) resulted in an arrest being made? - Please provide the figures per financial year for the following years 2019/20, 2018/19 and 2018/17 - For example, in 2016/17, the force recorded 12 incidents of Adolescent to Parent Violence and/or Abuse. 6 incidents resulted in an arrest**
  
- 3. How many of these incidents Adolescent to Parent Violence and/or Abuse (APVA) resulted in charges being made? - Please provide the figures per financial year for the following years 2019/20, 2018/19 and 2018/17 - For example, in 2016/17, the force recorded 12 incidents of Adolescent to Parent Violence and/or Abuse. 6 incidents resulted in an arrest. 1 incident resulted in charges being made**

**RESPONSE**

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires South Yorkshire Police, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt), to provide you the applicant with a notice which:

- a. states that fact,
- b. specifies the exemption in question and
- c. states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The following exemption applies to the disclosure of the information:

**Section 12 – Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit**

To respond to your questions we would need to retrieve and extract from our 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).

In regard to our Connect System records, (for dates from 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017 onwards), our Crime Administrator has advised a manual view of each record to check parent/child entries are in the correct free text fields. Please see the following explanation that has been provided by her:-

The BI query is looking for offences where the suspect relationship to the victim is the *Son, Daughter or Son/step-son/half-son/adopted son/daughter/step-daughter/half-daughter/adopted* however when reviewing the victim to suspect relationship status it appears that some relationships have maybe been assigned incorrectly.

Of the 3310 offences, 3333 victims are recorded – some offences have been recorded with more than one victim. Of the count of victims, a number of offences are recorded with what appears to be an incorrect relationship status, and some have a victim relationship of Not Recorded. Therefore, these offences would require record level review. To review, investigate and amend these offences within the 18 hour time constraint, would be unachievable.

In essence, these offences would need to be individually reviewed at record level to retrieve and extract the data relevant to your request. However, reviewing each record may not guarantee complete data accuracy for example if the relationships are found to be incorrectly recorded, then this will also affect the count of offences.

To review, investigate and amend these offences within the 18 hour time constraint, would likely to be unachievable.

For example, if to review each of the 1516 records took just 4 minutes (1516 x 4 mins = in excess of 100 hours). This does not take into account contacting the Officers, or other Departments to check the data.

The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 provide that the cost limit for non-central government public authorities is £450. This must be calculated at the rate of £25 per hour, providing an effective time limit of 18 hours.

Guidance from the Information Commissioner to public authorities is that where one part of a request is reasonably estimated to exceed the appropriate limit then the authority is not obliged to consider or comply with the remainder of the request up to the point at which the appropriate limit has been reached. Please note point 30 of the below link:-

[https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1199/costs\\_of\\_compliance\\_exceeds\\_appropriate\\_limit.pdf](https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1199/costs_of_compliance_exceeds_appropriate_limit.pdf)

**Although excess cost removes the force's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request neither does it bind South Yorkshire Police to any commitment that it will release information in such a manner in the future .**

Our Crime Administrator has provided the following attachment which has been retrieved from our CMS System for the dates up to 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017, and the following explanation regarding her search:-

#### **CMS(II) Data –**

I have provided a count of the specified offences recorded for CMS(II) Crime Register between 01-Apr-2016 and 04-Dec-2017 where the Suspect's relationship to the Victim is either of the following –

DAUGHTER  
SON  
STEP / FOSTER / ADOPTED DAUGHTER  
STEP / FOSTER / ADOPTED SON

Of the offence count, I have provided the offence outcome.

The outcomes CHARGED, SUMMONS and CAUTIONS changed in 2017 and we now specifically record for what offence, the offender was charged i.e. CHARGED is now recorded as either CHARGED WITH OFFENCE RECORDED Or CHARGED WITH AN ALTERNATIVE OFFENCE, therefore the outcomes are applicable depending on the year recorded the offence was recorded.

Please note –

- Some offences may be recorded with more than one suspect and therefore with a different relationship to the victim.