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Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20192257

REQUEST

- (1) How many reports of sexual offences were made to your police force, broken down by the ethnicity of (i) the alleged victims, and (ii) the alleged perpetrators, in the financial years:
- a. 2015-16
 - b. 2016-17
 - c. 2017-18
 - d. 2018-19
 - e. 2019-20 to date
- 2) How many arrests for sexual offences were made by your officers, broken down by the ethnicity of (i) the alleged victims, and (ii) the alleged perpetrators in the financial years:
- a. 2015-16
 - b. 2016-17
 - c. 2017-18
 - d. 2018-19
 - e. 2019-20 to date
- 3) For the arrests identified in the answer to Q2a-e, please can you tell me what the outcome of the arrest was (e.g. charged, released on bail, released under investigation etc) with a breakdown by the ethnicity of the alleged victim.

RESPONSE

I approached our Crime Management Data Returns Officer for assistance with your request (we are currently unable to provide arrest data of this nature). 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)

She provided me with the enclosed spreadsheet in response and the following explanation regarding her search criteria:

CMS(ii) Data –

I have included a count of Sexual offences recorded on the CMS(ii) Crime register between 01-Apr-2015 and 04-Dec-2017 including a breakdown of the offence outcome. I have also provided a breakdown of both the victim and offender's ethnicity (if recorded). Please note – the ethnicity is not a mandated requirement therefore may not be recorded.

A count of offences is not expected to reflect a count of victims or offenders as some offences may be recorded with more than one victim and/or offender and some offences may be recorded without an offender.

CONNECT Data –

I have included a count of Sexual offences recorded for CONNECT Crime between 05-Dec-2017 and 30-Sep-2019 including a breakdown of the offence outcome. I have also provided a breakdown of the victim's ethnicity (if recorded). Please note – the ethnicity is not a mandated requirement therefore may not be recorded.

A count of offences is not expected to reflect a count of victims as some offences may be recorded with more than one victim.

I have not been able to provide data regarding offenders in CONNECT due to ongoing issues. As previously advised with similar requests of this nature, PMU has taken the decision that we are unable to provide data regarding suspects i.e. outcomes, ages, gender etc. due to data quality and accuracy issues, therefore I cannot currently fulfil this request for CONNECT.

In addition, 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.