

10th March 2021

Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20210325

REQUEST

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

From 1st January 2019 to 31st January 2021, monthly figures on

- 1. The number of incidents recorded by your police force which have been flagged as Domestic Abuse related, broken down by month and incident type.
 - a. By incident, I mean a call for service/CADs.**
- 2. The number of offences recorded by your police force which have been flagged as Domestic Abuse related, broken down by month, offence type and offence outcome (including not recorded/investigation active).
 - a. Please breakdown to the level of HOCR Subgroup e.g. for VAP offences - violence with injury, violence without injury.**
- 3. The number of arrests recorded by your police force which have been flagged as Domestic Abuse related, broken down by month, arrest offence, and outcome (including not recorded).*

RESPONSE

I approached our Performance Review Unit for assistance with your request. They have provide the attached data and following explanation of their search.

I can confirm that South Yorkshire Police holds information relating to the criteria of your request, but having reviewed this in detail, I am not prepared to disclose this to you in full.

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 40(2) - Personal Information

This is an absolute exemption and therefore a Public Interest Test is not relevant. However, for clarity, I will explain my rationale for engaging this exemption.

Section 40(2) provides that information is exempt if it is the personal data of someone other than the applicant and disclosure would breach any of the data protection principles. The term 'personal data' means data that relates to a living individual who can be identified.

This may take an obvious form of 'personal information' such as a name but also includes information which, if aggregated, can pinpoint an individual. A request for information such

as this for Domestic related Incident, Crimes, Arrests by month, type and outcome may potentially identify individuals involved and would breach data protection principles.

With this in mind, I am prepared to disclose the requested data on uncorrelated tables to mitigate any concerns. Please see the attached spreadsheet.

Q1 – South Yorkshire Police’s Incident Management System Smart, records the majority of calls to South Yorkshire Police requiring the specific deployment of police resources, whether reported by members of the public via 999 or 101 or ‘happened upon’ by officers and staff in the course of their duties. The log runs as a running commentary of an incident as it unfolds and has limited search capability.

Please see Tab 1 for a count of Incidents with a DA qualifier.

Q2 – I approached Performance & Governance Department for assistance with your request. They have provided the following explanation of their search and the data on the spreadsheet.

Data was extracted from CONNECT on 1 March 2021

Domestic Abuse Crimes are identified as having at least one of the three keywords attached to the investigation of Domestic Abuse, Repeat domestic Abuse and Partner on Partner

Outcomes are included and are correct at date of extraction and are based on date the crime was recorded on CONNECT so there will be some that do not yet have an outcome assigned

Crimes are grouped by HO Sub groupings

Q3 – Custody Performance & Governance have provided Arrest stats:

Notes:

- The figures are the number of arrests as requested – not the number of custody records. Some custody records may contain multiple dv flagged arrests on them.*