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**Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20210793**

**REQUEST**

I would like to request access to the statistics of racialised hate crime where the victim is a person of East or Southeast Asian heritage (including Chinese or perceived to be Chinese) in a month by month breakdown for 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021. Can this please include the types of hate crime and an indication if the victim is female or male.

**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 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 can also include information which, if aggregated, can pinpoint an individual. Due to the low numbers involved, the monthly date parameters and Offence data by specific ethnicity, a full disclosure may potentially identify individuals involved and would breach data protection principles.

I am however, happy to supply you with data in the following format to assist your research.

I approached our Crime Management Data Returns Administrator for assistance with your request. The Connect System is used to record complaints or allegations of those matters, which the Home Office specify should be recorded as 'crimes'.

She has provided the following explanation and attached spreadsheet:-

## CONNECT Data -

I have included a count of offences recorded for CONNECT Crime between 01-Jan-2018 and 31-Mar-2021, recorded with the Hate Indicator – Racial and where the victim's Ethnic Appearance is Chinese, Japanese or South East Asian. I have based this on the Ethnic Appearance of the victim and not Self Defined Ethnicity.

Of the offence count, I have included a breakdown of the victim's gender. 1 offence is recorded with 2 victims.

Please note - Some offences maybe recorded with more than one Hate Indicator.