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Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20190800

REQUEST

How many crimes under so called revenge pornography laws (section 3 of the criminal justice and courts act) were recorded by your force, broken down by outcome category and age of victim at the time of reporting, in the financial years:

1. *2015-16*
2. *2016-17*
3. *2017-18*
4. *2018-19*

My preference would be to receive an exact age of victim in each case but if the numbers of cases your force has handled is low, and you consider this could identify the victim, please provide the victims' ages in the following bands:
0-10, 11-15, 16-20, 21-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60, 61-70, 71-80, 81-90, 91-100 etc.

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/revenge-pornography-ref-20190489/

FROM THE REQUESTER

The only difference between what I'm requesting and the previous FOI is the annual breakdown. I've asked for financial years and this is in calendar years, which means it's hard to compile the data alongside other forces.

RESPONSE

I approached our Crime Management Data Returns Administrator for assistance with your request. 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)

For FOI requests such as this, we access the two separate systems and the retrieval and data extraction varies greatly dependant on the search capabilities and the inputted data. The information you receive therefore may be in two different formats depending on your time parameters, and the data we can provide which will be dependent on the search capabilities of each system. All our systems are designed and used first and foremost for Policing Purposes and have limited search capability.

She provided me with the enclosed spreadsheet and the following explanation of her search criteria:

Please see the attached data and the below explanation.

CMS(II) Data -

I have included a count of the offence DISCLOSE PRIVATE SEXUAL PHOTOGRAPHS AND FILMS WITH INTENT TO CAUSE DISTRESS recorded on the CMS(ii) Crime register between 01-Apr-2015 (date the offence was introduced) and 04-Dec-2017. I have also included a breakdown of the offence outcome. This is the offence outcome and not a count of offenders.

I have also included a breakdown of the victim's age at the time of the offence.

CONENCT Data -

I have included a count of the offence DISCLOSE PRIVATE SEXUAL PHOTOGRAPHS AND FILMS WITH INTENT TO CAUSE DISTRESS recorded on for CONNECT crime between 04-Dec-2017 and 31-Mar-2019. I have also included a breakdown of the offence outcome. This is the offence outcome and not a count of offenders.

I have also included a breakdown of both the victim's age at the time of the offence. Please be advised – 2 offences are recorded with more than one victim.

We have had to take a slightly different approach to extracting the data from CONNECT as the data is not recorded in the same format as the legacy system CMS(ii). SYP have changed their central crime management system in December 2017. Therefore data from the new system cannot be used as a direct comparison due to the different ways in which crimes are recorded. However, the data has been given to comply with original request and displayed here to show an outline trend.