

7th July 2021

**Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20211203**

**REQUEST**

***Could I please have the following information:***

- 1. The number of people who have been reported missing to this force during the calendar year of 2017–2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020?***
- 2. The number of people who were reported missing who were then found during the calendar year of 2017–2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020?***
- 3. Can this be broken down by Gender?***
- 4. Can this be broken down by Ethnicity?***
- 5. Can this please be broken down by each age range 0-10, 11-20, 21-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60, 61-70 and 71 plus?***
- 6. The number of people who have been reported missing to this force during the lockdown period from 23 March 2020 – 4 July 2020?***
- 7. The number of people who were reported missing who were then found during the lockdown period from 23 March 2020 – 4 July 2020?***
- 8. Can this be broken down by Gender?***
- 9. Can this be broken down by Ethnicity?***
- 10. Can this please be broken down by each age range 0-10, 11-20, 21-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60, 61-70 and 71 plus?***

**CLARIFICATION**

I contacted the Performance Review Unit with your request. They have advised that to retrieve the data for Q2 and Q7 would require a manual check to make sure this fell in the same Financial Year this would exceed the 18hr allowed by the FOI Act.

Can you advise how you wish to proceed? Below is the administrators advice of the format we can retrieve by , is this suitable for your research.

*With regards to this FOI, I can extract number of missing episodes for the years requested – this can include the same person more than once so is a count of **episodes** not people.*

*I would need to manually search the record to see when they were found as the record is based on when it was created in the system.*

*I can provide figures by gender*

Gender
Female
Male
Unknown

*I can provide figures by ethnicity*

Ethnicity
Arabic Or North African
Asian
Black
Chinese, Japanese, Or Any Other South East Asian
Unknown
White - North European
White - South European

*Age ranges that can be extracted in the current system are:*

Age
0 - 4
5 - 8
9 - 11
12 - 14
15 - 17
18 - 21
22 - 39
40 - 59
60 - 79
80 +
Unknown

*These are standalone so I cannot break down gender and ethnicity and age group together.*

*The above applies for the lockdown dates as well.*

*Can you get clarification that these breakdowns are fine for the requestor?*

### **REPLY**

***We are really interested in a person missing (not the episodes) and whether they were found.***

***These categories are fine.***

### **CLARIFICATION**

The found element of your request would push the request over the 18hr rule allowed by the FOI Act.

We can extract number of missing episodes for the years requested – this can include the same person more than once so is a count of episodes not people.

An individual may be recorded missing on our system multiple times on different days, weeks or months. We cannot retrieve by name/person.

Shall we proceed with episodes and the categories below?

### **REPLY**

***Yes, please***

### **RESPONSE**

Our Performance Review Unit have provided the attached stats and below explanation of the data.

*Please find attached data for this FOI.*

*Data is from SYP's MISPER system. It includes all episodes recorded for the requested dates inclusive.*

*It is a count of episodes and not people as a person can go missing more than once and if reported to us will be recorded each time as a new episode.  
It includes all risk levels.*

*The tables are independent of each other.*