

2nd December 2020

**Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20202301**

**REQUEST**

*This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act.*

*For each calendar year 2017, 2018 and 2019 and the period 1st January 2020 to 27th October 2020, could you tell me:*

- 1) The number of reported crimes which mentioned "road rage" in the MO field of the crime report*
- 2) A brief summary of each reported crime listed in your answer to question 1*
- 3) The number of road traffic accidents recorded with a contributing factor of "aggressive driving" (code 601)*
- 4) If it is within the time/cost limit of the FOI Act, a brief summary of the incidents listed in your answer to question 3*

**RESPONSE**

Q1&2

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:

[In respect of the Connect Data:](#)

*Please note – The data is reliant upon on the MO Desc 3 – Road Rage being recorded. However, MO Desc are not a mandated requirement, therefore using this method may not accurately reflect what is potentially recorded for CONNECT Crime. I have provided a count of offences recorded on CONNECT Crime where the Initial MO text mentions 'ROAD RAGE' OR the MO Desc 3 = ROAD RAGE, broken down by HO SUB SUB Group Name and calendar year.*

*Between incident created date 04-DEC-2017 and 27-OCT-2020.*

*Please note – Offences are recorded in accordance with the Home Office Counting Rules – General Rules - The Principal Crime Rule (1 of 1) - IF THE SEQUENCE OF CRIMES IN AN INCIDENT, OR A COMPLEX CRIME, CONTAINS MORE THAN ONE TYPE OF CRIME, THEN COUNT THE MOST SERIOUS.*

Unfortunately given the current situation the Administrator is not currently working in police premises and cannot access the software needed to extract data from CMS (legacy system) we will provide this as soon as we are able to do so. Her explanation is as follows:

*CMS(II) Data - Given the present situation, I am currently working from home and cannot access the software needed to extract data from CMS(ii), I will therefore provide data for 01-Jan-2017 and 04-Dec-2017 at a later date.*

Q3 & Q4 -

I approached our Operational Support Unit for assistance with your request. An Analyst has provided the following

*Basic RTC data and RTC summary listed on attached sheet.*

*The count now stands at : 535.*

*By year :*

*2017 : 166*

*2018 : 148*

*2019 : 130*

*YTD 2020 : 91*