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Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20211181

REQUEST

I am writing to request data under the Freedom of Information Act concerning the offences of rape and sexual assault.

For the calendar years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020, please could you tell me:

1. the number and type of crime outcomes recorded for

a) rape and

b) sexual assault.

The outcome should follow the Home Office outcome categories (please see a list at the end of this email). Please only include crimes that had an outcome recorded, and group them by the year the crime outcome was recorded, rather than the year the crime was first reported*

2. for part 1 of this request please provide a breakdown of the sex and ethnicity of the victims (so as to include a breakdown of crime outcome by ethnicity)

**As per Home Office police recorded crime data (page 12), the relevant crime outcome types are:*

1. Charged/summons

2. Caution – youths

3. Caution – adults

4. TIC

5. Offender died

6. PND

7. Cannabis/KHAT warning

8. Community resolution

9. Not in public interest (CPS)

10. Not in public interest (police)

11. Prosecution prevented -suspect under age

12. Prosecutions prevented –suspect too ill

13. Prosecution prevented – victim/key witness dead/too ill

14. Evidential difficulties (suspect not identified; victim does not support further action)

15. Evidential difficulties (suspect identified; victim supports action)

16. Evidential difficulties (suspect identified; victim does not support further action)

17. Prosecution time limit expired

18. Investigation complete – no suspect identified

19. Action undertaken by another body/agency

20. Further investigation to support formal action to in the public interest

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'.

(The CMS system is 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.*

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

Please find attached completed FOI LH 20211181 and below explanation.

I've provided a count of all Rape offences and the below specified Sexual Assault offences with a victim recorded on CONNECT Crime between date detected 04-DEC-2017 and 31-DEC-2020. For question one I have broken the data down by offence Outcome 1 to 20, type of offence and year of recorded outcome. For question 2, I have broken the data down by offence Outcome 1 to 20, the victims gender and ethnicity.

Sexual Assaults included –

- *SEXUAL ASSAULT ON A MALE 13 AND OVER*
- *SEXUAL ASSAULT ON A MALE CHILD UNDER 13*
- *SEXUAL ASSAULT ON A FEMALE 13 OR OVER*
- *SEXUAL ASSAULT ON A FEMALE CHILD UNDER 13*

They have advised, given the present situation with Covid restrictions, staff are working from home, away from their normal place of work and/or on laptops, and cannot access the software needed to extract data from CMS(ii) the legacy system which holds data up to Dec 2017. They will therefore provide this data at a later date.

Further missed data.

The Crime Management Data Returns Administrator has provided the attached data with extra tab and the following explanation:

Please find attached data relating to FOI LH 20211181 which includes the further breakdown into Other Sexual and Rape offences from the requestor.