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Title: Stalking

Request Date: Monday, 8 May, 2017

Response Date: Thursday, 1 June, 2017

Request Details:

1. How many reports of stalking have you received in each of the last five years?

2. How many people have been charged and prosecuted for stalking in the policing area in each of the last five years?

3. How many reports of harassment have you received in each of the last five years?

4. How many people have been charged and prosecuted for harassment offences in the policing area in each of the last five years?

SYP Response:

I contacted our Crime Management System (CMS) Administrator for assistance with your request. She has provided me with the enclosed data and the following explanation of her search criteria/results:

The following offences became crime recordable under the PROTECTION FROM HARASSMENT ACT 1997 Home Office offence class 8Q –Stalking on the 25-Nov-2012 therefore I have provided a count where such offences were recorded on the CMS) crime register between the commencement date and 30-Apr-2017.

- PURSUE COURSE OF CONDUCT IN BREACH OF SEC 1 (1) WHICH AMOUNTS TO STALKING

- STALKING INVOLVING FEAR OF VIOLENCE

- STALKING INVOLVING SERIOUS ALARM/DISTRESS

Of the above offences, I have also included a count of the offence outcome, if Charged.

I have also included a count of offences recorded under the 8L – Harassment & 8M - RACIALLY OR RELIGIOUSLY AGGRAVATED HARASSMENT (EXCLUDES OFFENCES UNDER 9B), recorded between 01-Jan-2012 and 30-Apr-2017 and of those offences, the number of offences charged. These offences are recorded under the PROTECTION FROM HARASSMENT ACT 1997.

And

A count of offences recorded under the 9A – PUBLIC FEAR ALARM OR DISTRESS (POA 1986 SECS 4,4A&5) & 9B RACIALLY OR RELIGIOUSLY AGGRAVATED PUBLIC FEAR ALARM OR DISTRESS, recorded between 01-Jan-2012 and 30-Apr-2017 and of those offences, the number of offences charged. These offences are recorded under the PUBLIC ORDER ACT 1986 & CRIME AND DISORDER ACT.

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COUNT OF OFFENCES RECORDED UNDER THE HOME OFFICE OFFENCE CLASS 8Q - STALKING
RECORDED ON CMS CRIME REGISTER BETWEEN 25-NOV-2012 & 30-APR-2017

OFFENCE RECORDED	YEAR OFFENCE RECORDED						
	*2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	*2017	Total
PURSUE COURSE OF CONDUCT IN BREACH OF SEC 1 (1) WHICH AMOUNTS TO STALKING	2	4	7	51	42	54	160
STALKING INVOLVING FEAR OF VIOLENCE	0	0	1	10	8	5	24
STALKING INVOLVING SERIOUS ALARM/DISTRESS	0	4	8	15	26	23	76
Total	2	8	16	76	76	82	260

OF THE ABOVE OFFENCES, THE FOLLOWING IS A BREAKDOWN BY OFFENCE OUTCOME CHARGED -

OFFENCE OUTCOME	YEAR OFFENCE RECORDED						
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total
A - CHARGED	0	3	7	11	2	0	23
CHARGED WITH AN ALTERNATIVE OFFENCE	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
CHARGED WITH OFFENCE RECORDED	0	0	0	0	6	2	8

The above offences became crime recordable on the 25-Nov-2012 therefore I have provided a count where such offences were recorded on the CMS crime register between the commencement date and 30-Apr-2017.

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COUNT OF OFFENCES RECORDED UNDER THE HOME OFFICE OFFENCE CLASS 8L -HARASSMENT & 8M - RACIALLY OR RELIGIOUSLY AGGRAVATED HARASSMENT
(EXCLUDES OFFENCES UNDER 9B)
RECORDED ON CMS CRIME REGISTER BETWEEN 01-JAN-2012 & 30-APR-2017

OFFENCE RECORDED	YEAR OFFENCE RECORDED						
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	*2017	Total
HARASSMENT - (PFHA SECTION (3)) BREACH OF CONDITIONS OF INJUNCTION AGAINST HARASSMENT	23	18	14	36	26	11	128
HARASSMENT - (PFHA SECTION (4)) PUTTING PEOPLE IN FEAR OF VIOLENCE	46	37	84	247	375	185	974
HARASSMENT - (PFHA SECTION (5)) BREACH OF A RESTRAINING ORDER	234	268	321	388	432	136	1779
HARASSMENT - (PROTECTION FROM HARASSMENT ACT 1997 SECTION 2)	463	533	887	1202	1688	1831	6604
HARASSMENT ETC. OF A PERSON IN HIS HOME - C J & P ACT 2001, S O C & P ACT 2005	0	0	0	5	13	29	47
RACIALLY OR RELIGIOUSLY AGGRAVATED HARASSMENT (C&D ACT 1998 S. 32(1)(A),(3))	13	9	18	21	22	23	106
RACIALLY OR RELIGIOUSLY AGGRAVATED PUT PEOPLE IN FEAR OF VIOLENCE S. 32(1)(B),(4))	5	4	5	6	13	5	38
Total	784	869	1329	1905	2569	2220	9676

*2017 Data to 30-Apr-2017

OF THE ABOVE OFFENCES, THE FOLLOWING IS A BREAKDOWN BY OFFENCE OUTCOME CHARGED -

OFFENCE OUTCOME	YEAR OFFENCE RECORDED						
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total
A - CHARGED	354	372	460	527	92	0	1805
CHARGED WITH AN ALTERNATIVE OFFENCE	0	0	0	1	15	6	22
CHARGED WITH OFFENCE RECORDED	0	0	0	8	344	115	467

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COUNT OF OFFENCES RECORDED UNDER THE HOME OFFICE OFFENCE CLASS 9A - PUBLIC FEAR ALARM OR DISTRESS (POA 1986 SECS 4,4A&5) AND 9B - RACIALLY OR RELIGIOUSLY AGGRAVATED PUBLIC FEAR ALARM OR DISTRESS
RECORDED ON CMS CRIME REGISTER BETWEEN 01-JAN-2012 & 30-APR-2017

OFFENCE RECORDED	YEAR OFFENCE RECORDED						Total
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	*2017	
PUBLIC ORDER - CAUSE INTENTIONAL HARASSMENT, ALARM OR DISTRESS (POA 1986 S. 4A)	95	139	279	581	1062	1213	3369
PUBLIC ORDER - FEAR OR PROVOCATION OF VIOLENCE (POA 1986 S. 4)	318	251	605	1016	1576	887	4653
PUBLIC ORDER - HARASSMENT ALARM OR DISTRESS (POA 1986 S. 5)	952	633	571	585	701	403	3845
RACIALLY OR RELIGIOUSLY AGGRAVATED FEAR OR PROVOCATION OF VIOLENCE SECTION 31(1)(A)	13	15	33	43	53	19	176
RACIALLY OR RELIGIOUSLY AGGRAVATED HARASSMENT, ALARM OR DISTRESS SECTION 31(1)(C)	114	96	56	71	85	42	464
RACIALLY OR RELIGIOUSLY AGGRAVATED INTENTIONAL HARASSMENT, ALARM OR DISTRESS SECTION 31(1)(B)	156	213	272	265	404	171	1481
Total	1648	1347	1816	2561	3881	2735	13988

*2017 Data to 30-Apr-2017

OF THE ABOVE OFFENCES, THE FOLLOWING IS A BREAKDOWN BY OFFENCE OUTCOME CHARGED -

OFFENCE OUTCOME	YEAR OFFENCE RECORDED						Total
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	*2017	
A - CHARGED	518	390	415	358	59	0	1740
CHARGED WITH AN ALTERNATIVE OFFENCE	0	0	0	0	11	8	19
CHARGED WITH OFFENCE RECORDED	0	0	0	4	216	94	314