

Date: Tue 16 May 2017 **Reference Number:** 20170744 **FOI Category:** Stats - Crime

Title: Screened Crimes

Request Date: Thursday, 13 April, 2017

Response Date: Tuesday, 16 May, 2017

Request Details:

Please could you provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act

1. Please provide a breakdown of notifiable offences recorded between 1 April and 31 March for each of 2016-17, 2015-16, 2014-15, 2013-14 and 2012-13

Please break them down by both their major classification (in bold) and minor classification (if relevant), specifically:

Violence against the person (total)

Homicide

Violence with injury

Violence without injury

Sexual offences

Robbery

Theft Offences (total)

Burglary

Domestic burglary

Non-domestic burglary

Vehicle offences

Theft from the person

Bicycle theft

Shoplifting

Other theft offences

Criminal damage and arson

Drug offences

Possession of weapons offences

Public order offences

Miscellaneous crimes

2. For each of the same above years (between 1 April and 31 March) please break down how many of each of the above crimes were "screened out" (crime reference number issued but no investigation took place) or if you do not use the term "screened out", please give the number where no investigation took place.
3. Please state if you have a discretionary disposal policy for closing crime reports you consider not to be in the public interest to pursue investigations. If you have a policy, please provide a copy of it.
4. Please state if there is any financial threshold for investigating crimes, eg £100 of goods stolen in order to investigate shoplifting.

Exemptions Applied:

None

SYP Response:

I approached our Crime Management System (CMS) Administrator for assistance with your request. The CMS system is used to record complaints or allegations of those matters, which the Home Office specify should be recorded as 'crimes'.

She provided me with the enclosed data regarding offences and the below explanation of her search criteria:

I have provided a count of offences recorded on the CMS crime register for 2012/13 – 2016/17, broken down by the current screening status and Home Office Offence Class –

N - NOT SCREENED

S - SUITABLE FOR SCREENING

Y – SCREENED

(2013/14 - No data was returned for this period suitable for screening.)

I haven't classified the data into the specific groups as stated by the requestor as the data is not retrieved in this way, therefore to such would mean creating new information to service this request

For your further questions, I have copied a section of the Force Crime Management Policy which describes the process of Crime Screening.

Crime Screening

Crime Screening has been operating effectively within South Yorkshire Police for many years. Its objective is to 'screen' out of the investigative process those crimes where the enquiries made at the

time of reporting (personally or by telephone) indicate that no fruitful lines of further enquiry are apparent. Priority can then be given to investigation of those crimes where there exists a positive potential for detection.

The decision whether or not to 'screen' a crime, will be made by the Crime Management sergeant.

The effectiveness of the Crime Screening system relies on the professionalism of officers and other staff taking the initial reports of crime, either personally or by telephone. Only if the preliminary investigation is conducted thoroughly and the crime report completed comprehensively can the Crime Management Sergeant make an informed decision concerning screening.

It is difficult to specify the types or categories of crime considered suitable for screening. The system calls for a subjective judgement to be made, each case being considered on its individual merits. The existence or non-existence of Solvability Factors provide the main criteria, but certain categories of crime, by their nature, will always merit further investigation irrespective of Solvability Factors.

These will include, by definition, Serious Crimes committed against the person, such as :-

- Murder;
- Manslaughter;
- Infanticide;
- Rape;
- Blackmail & Assaults where serious injury has been inflicted.

Similarly, serious offences against persons and property, such as arson, will not be considered for screening.

Other categories of crime will exempt themselves from the screening process because of their inherent detection potential, and will include cases of :-

- Indecency;
- Fraud;
- Handling Stolen Goods;
- Theft by Employees, and the Series-Type of offence which, despite its possibly non-serious nature, merits further investigation by virtue of its frequency and the increased possibilities of detection.

The following list of categories of crime is given as a guide to the type of offence which may be considered for screening, provided that the criteria specified in this policy are fulfilled :-

- Burglary (Other Premises)
- Theft from the Person
- Theft in Dwelling
- Theft from Unattended Motor Vehicle
- Theft of Pedal Cycle
- Other Thefts
- TWLA
- Criminal Damage
- Others - as specified by the Crime Management Sergeant

NB. It must be emphasised that the above listed categories of crime provide only a guide to the type of offence which may be considered for screening. Each individual case must be assessed upon its own merits.

No attempt must ever be made to screen out a crime, whatever its nature, wherever it appears that there are further useful lines of enquiry to pursue.

Furthermore, no crime should be screened out if it is aggravated by any of the following features:

- Racially motivated
- Other 'hate crime' e.g. homophobic
- Vulnerable victim

Specific consideration should also be given by the Crime Management sergeant to the issue of repeat victimisation. The decision should take into account whether the offences involved are the same (i.e. both burglary or is one damage to m/v committed in a city centre?) and the period of time that has elapsed since the previous offence. In general, there should be a presumption not to screen in cases of repeat victimisation, where the victim is an individual member of the public.

Contact will be made with victims when crimes are screened either by personal contact or letter.

Attachments:

SOUTH
YORKSHIRE
POLICE
COUNT OF HOME
OFFICE OFFENCE
CLASSES,
BROKEN DOWN BY
SCREENING
STATUS
RECORDED FOR
2012/13, 2013/14,
2014/15, 2015/16 &
2016/17

	2012/13			2013/14		2014/15			2015/16			2016/17	
HOME OFFICE OFFENCE CLASS	N	S	Y	N	Y	N	S	Y	N	S	Y	N	S
ABDUCTION OF CHILD	13	0	0	10	0	19	0	0	19	0	0	25	0
ABSCONDING FROM LAWFUL CUSTODY	8	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	10	0	1	14	0
ABUSE OF CHILDREN THROUGH SEXUAL EXPLOITATION	1	0	0	9	0	11	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
ABUSE OF POSITION	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ABUSE OF POSITION OF TRUST OF A SEXUAL NATURE	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	1	0
AGGRAVATED BURGLARY IN A BUILDING OTHER THAN A DWELLING	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	3	0	0	2	0
AGGRAVATED BURGLARY IN A DWELLING	13	0	0	16	0	15	0	0	39	0	0	38	0
AGGRAVATED VEHICLE TAKING	157	0	4	142	2	161	0	1	176	0	3	156	0
ARSON ENDANGERING LIFE	93	0	1	108	1	111	0	1	134	0	5	202	0
ARSON NOT ENDANGERING LIFE	661	0	57	610	81	542	1	29	536	4	156	663	1
ASSAULT WITH INJURY	6634	0	4	7419	20	8390	0	71	10228	4	168	11222	0
ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO CAUSE SERIOUS HARM	511	0	0	581	2	637	0	2	730	0	10	886	0
ASSAULT WITHOUT INJURY	2017	0	2	2550	13	4213	1	42	5293	1	115	7673	2
ASSAULT WITHOUT INJURY ON A CONSTABLE	118	0	0	158	0	150	0	4	196	0	8	184	0
ATTEMPT MURDER	8	0	0	11	0	10	0	0	14	0	0	25	0

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY IN A BUILDING OTHER THAN A DWELLING	929	0	257	819	353	764	2	197	504	12	377	641	2
ATTEMPTED BURGLARY IN A DWELLING	1415	0	4	1416	32	1316	0	30	1140	3	61	1539	0
ATTEMPTED DISTRACTION BURGLARY IN A DWELLING	10	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	8	0
BANKRUPTCY	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BIGAMY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
BLACKMAIL	5	0	0	11	0	20	0	0	39	0	1	108	0
BURGLARY BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
BURGLARY IN A BUILDING OTHER THAN A DWELLING	5928	0	1490	5223	1689	4923	16	1058	3488	55	1975	3698	2
BURGLARY IN A DWELLING	6659	0	10	5603	97	5569	1	40	4861	1	46	5761	0
BURGLARY-RESIDENTIAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAUSING DEATH BY AGGRAVATED VEHICLE TAKING	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAUSING DEATH BY CARELESS DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE OF DRINK OR DRUGS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAUSING DEATH BY CARELESS OR INCONSIDERATE DRIVING	5	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	9	0
CAUSING DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY BY DRIVING: UNLICENSED, DISQUALIFIED OR UNINSURED DRIVERS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAUSING DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY BY DANGEROUS DRIVING	6	0	0	12	0	18	0	2	29	0	0	28	1
CAUSING OR ALLOWING DEATH OF CHILD OR VULNERABLE PERSON	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAUSING SEXUAL ACTIVITY WITHOUT CONSENT	1	0	0	1	0	7	0	0	12	0	0	14	0

GOING EQUIPPED FOR STEALING, ETC	60	0	0	65	0	57	0	0	46	0	2	44	0
HANDLING STOLEN GOODS	190	0	0	193	1	182	0	7	131	0	10	112	0
HARASSMENT	748	0	1	912	1	1432	0	9	1947	0	26	3757	4
INCEST OR FAMILIAL SEXUAL OFFENCES	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	8	0
INTERFERING WITH A MOTOR VEHICLE	761	0	171	883	176	1369	5	195	980	39	1148	1063	15
KIDNAPPING ETC	19	0	0	32	0	37	0	0	70	0	1	106	0
MAKING, SUPPLYING OR POSSESSING ARTICLES FOR USE IN FRAUD	49	0	0	38	0	29	0	0	24	0	1	10	0
MALICIOUS COMMUNICATIONS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	975	0	8	2577	0
MANSLAUGHTER	1	0	0	4	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	98	0
MODERN SLAVERY	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	77	0
MURDER	14	0	0	18	0	11	0	0	12	0	0	15	0
OBSCENE PUBLICATIONS ETC.	38	0	0	77	0	258	0	4	439	0	3	670	0
OFFENDER MANAGEMENT ACT	90	0	0	115	0	137	0	3	315	0	5	296	0
OTHER DRUG OFFENCES	6	0	0	19	0	3	0	0	5	0	0	22	0
OTHER FIREARMS OFFENCES	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
OTHER FORGERY ETC	102	0	0	48	0	24	0	0	26	0	1	59	0
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS SEXUAL OFFENCES	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0
OTHER NOTIFIABLE OFFENCE	20	0	0	48	1	41	0	0	21	0	3	62	1
OTHER OFFENCE AGAINST THE STATE OR PUBLIC ORDER	492	0	1	608	4	658	0	1	734	0	12	1072	0
OTHER THEFT OR UNAUTHORISED TAKING	8789	0	1997	7854	2881	7678	48	2498	5749	110	3405	5887	31
PERJURY	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PERVERTING THE COURSE OF JUSTICE	105	0	0	123	0	139	0	2	159	0	1	200	0
POSSESSION OF ARTICLE WITH BLADE OR POINT	238	0	0	304	1	353	1	5	349	0	5	585	0

POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED DRUGS (CANNABIS)	2466	0	2	2214	3	1787	0	19	1259	0	29	1046	0
POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED DRUGS (EXCLUDING CANNABIS)	807	0	6	665	4	636	0	7	503	0	11	406	0
POSSESSION OF FALSE DOCUMENTS	6	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	9	0
POSSESSION OF FIREARMS OFFENCES	72	0	0	64	0	83	0	1	65	0	0	77	0
POSSESSION OF FIREARMS WITH INTENT	39	0	0	43	0	52	0	0	75	0	0	141	0
POSSESSION OF OTHER WEAPONS	164	0	1	158	0	175	0	0	227	0	6	227	0
PRESERVED OTHER FRAUD AND REPEALED FRAUD OFFENCES (BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE FRAUD ACT 2006)	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PROCURING ILLEGAL ABORTION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
PROFITING FROM OR CONCEALING KNOWLEDGE OF THE PROCEEDS OF CRIME	29	0	0	9	0	25	0	1	21	0	1	14	0
PUBLIC FEAR ALARM OR DISTRESS (POA 1986 SECS 4,4A&5)	1259	0	1	1075	9	1495	0	11	2442	0	51	4433	4
RACIALLY OR RELIGIOUSLY AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH INJURY	44	0	0	61	0	73	0	1	58	0	1	80	0
RACIALLY OR RELIGIOUSLY AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITHOUT INJURY	31	0	1	32	0	61	0	0	63	0	1	143	0
RACIALLY OR RELIGIOUSLY AGGRAVATED CRIMINAL DAMAGE	40	0	0	48	0	54	0	0	45	0	0	81	0
RACIALLY OR RELIGIOUSLY AGGRAVATED HARASSMENT (EXCLUDES	14	0	0	23	0	18	0	0	33	0	0	46	0

OFFENCES UNDER 9B)													
RACIALLY OR RELIGIOUSLY AGGRAVATED PUBLIC FEAR ALARM OR DISTRESS	303	0	0	309	0	358	0	2	400	0	9	616	0
RAPE OF A FEMALE AGED 16 AND OVER	193	0	1	231	1	391	0	2	482	0	4	600	0
RAPE OF A FEMALE CHILD UNDER 13	54	0	0	118	0	154	1	2	170	0	1	151	0
RAPE OF A FEMALE CHILD UNDER 16	39	0	0	95	0	111	0	0	138	0	0	204	0
RAPE OF A MALE AGED 16 AND OVER	10	0	0	11	0	24	0	0	26	0	1	36	0
RAPE OF A MALE CHILD UNDER 13	9	0	0	31	0	43	0	1	45	0	0	63	0
RAPE OF A MALE CHILD UNDER 16	0	0	0	7	0	8	0	0	7	0	0	17	0
REPORTED INCIDENT OF RAPE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	0	8	213	0
ROBBERY OF BUSINESS PROPERTY	107	0	0	126	0	140	0	1	136	0	1	162	0
ROBBERY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY	781	0	2	926	3	918	0	7	863	0	7	1204	0
SEXUAL ACTIVITY ETC. WITH A PERSON WITH A MENTAL DISORDER	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	4	0	0	4	0
SEXUAL ACTIVITY INVOLVING A CHILD UNDER 13	13	0	0	74	0	233	0	1	324	0	1	317	0
SEXUAL ACTIVITY INVOLVING A CHILD UNDER 16	50	0	0	198	0	442	0	5	496	0	3	559	0
SEXUAL ASSAULT ON A FEMALE AGED 13 OR OVER	220	0	0	354	1	464	0	2	585	0	2	703	0
SEXUAL ASSAULT ON A FEMALE CHILD UNDER 13	81	0	0	150	0	172	0	2	192	0	1	198	0
SEXUAL ASSAULT ON A MALE AGED 13 AND OVER	10	0	0	38	0	80	0	0	88	0	4	128	0
SEXUAL ASSAULT ON A MALE CHILD UNDER 13	15	0	0	32	0	61	0	0	53	0	0	75	0
SEXUAL GROOMING	2	0	0	5	0	7	0	0	24	0	1	17	0
SHOPLIFTING	9560	0	43	10000	120	10190	1	141	10760	4	272	11759	2

SOLICITING FOR PROSTITUTION	18	0	0	68	0	34	0	1	8	0	0	2	0
STALKING	5	0	0	8	0	21	0	0	89	0	0	119	0
THEFT BY AN EMPLOYEE	205	0	0	238	3	244	0	3	259	0	8	256	0
THEFT FROM AUTOMATIC MACHINE OR METER	177	0	56	99	33	82	1	19	71	0	21	117	1
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	7374	0	1485	7456	937	5912	19	863	2762	111	4316	2892	4
THEFT FROM THE PERSON OF ANOTHER	1720	0	48	1561	238	1295	4	422	964	12	754	894	1
THEFT IN A DWELLING OTHER THAN FROM AUTOMATIC MACHINE OR METER	1354	0	41	1308	50	1493	1	48	1602	7	129	1790	3
THEFT MAKING OFF WITHOUT PAYMENT	1147	0	31	919	24	1054	0	26	1114	6	363	1158	2
THEFT OF MAIL	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	6	0
THEFT OF PEDAL CYCLE	1193	0	282	1045	401	1034	5	307	771	14	466	694	5
THEFT OR UNAUTHORISED TAKING OF MOTOR VEHICLE	1920	0	351	1744	150	1602	4	99	1372	29	815	1468	1
THREAT OR POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO COMMIT CRIMINAL DAMAGE	69	0	0	111	0	170	0	1	255	0	4	685	2
THREATS TO KILL	58	0	0	130	0	174	0	0	282	0	1	457	0
TRAFFICKING FOR SEXUAL EXPLOITATION	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAFFICKING IN CONTROLLED DRUGS	1169	1	2	1112	3	919	0	9	778	0	18	755	0
UNNATURAL SEXUAL OFFENCES	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VEHICLE/DRIVER DOCUMENT FRAUD	4	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0
VIOLENT DISORDER	4	0	0	5	0	10	0	0	5	0	0	22	0
WILDLIFE CRIME	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	84572	1	8960	81874	9683	84058	159	8953	81303	577	20271	97362	22