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REQUEST

Please can you provide the following statistics:

The number of stalking crimes reported in South Yorkshire over the past five years (2013 - 2017 inclusive and the stats from 2018 to date).

Please break down this number into the number of crimes committed each year.

Please also provide how many of the crimes each year had a female victim and how many had a male.

Please also provide how many of the victims each year were under 18 and how many were over 18.

Please provide the age of the youngest victim each year.

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'.

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)

She provided me with the enclosed spreadsheet and the following explanation

CMS DATA

I have provided a count of offence recorded on CMS(II) Crime Register where the HO Description is 'STALKING' recorded between Statistics Date 01-Jan-2013 and 05-Dec-2017.

I have further provided a count of victims broken down by the victims age and gender.

CONNECT DATA

I have provided a count of offences recorded on CONNECT where the HO Sub Sub Group Name is 'STALKING' RECORDED between Incident Created Date 05-Dec-2017 and 30-Apr-2018.

I have further provided a count of victims broken down by the victims age and gender.

In addition, this count included the following offences -

OFFENCE RECORDED	Count of Serial Number
PURSUE COURSE OF CONDUCT IN BREACH OF SEC 1 (1) WHICH AMOUNTS TO STALKING	223
STALKING INVOLVING FEAR OF VIOLENCE	60
STALKING INVOLVING SERIOUS ALARM/DISTRESS	179

These offences were first introduced in November 2012 under the Home Office Offence class 8L – Harassment, however the class of 8Q – Stalking was introduced in April 2015 and the offences were then moved to this class.