

21st August 2018

**Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20181110**

**REQUEST**

***Under the Freedom of Information Act, please could I request the following information:***

- 1. How many revenge porn offences were reported to police? Please could I get the figures for 2016, 2017 and 2018 (so far)?***
- 2. How many were passed to prosecutors for further action?***
- 3. Please can I get a breakdown of the age of the victims?***

**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'.

He 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.

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

*Please find attached the completed FOI 2018\_1110.*

*Data caveats on the attached are:*

- Based on offence classes 8L (DISCLOSE PRIVATE SEXUAL PHOTOGRAPHS AND FILMS WITH INTENT TO CAUSE DISTRESS - HARRASSMENT) and 8R (DISCLOSE PRIVATE SEXUAL PHOTOGRAPHS AND FILMS WITH INTENT TO CAUSE DISTRESS – MALICIOUS COMMUNICATIONS)*
- Count of distinct offence references to avoid counting duplicate serial numbers, but normal volume counts for disposals and CP age to count each and every recorded outcome/victim.*
- CONNECT data is separated as usual and broken down by Dec-17 (5<sup>th</sup> onwards) and YTD 2018 – again a count distinct for offence count but normal volume counts for victim and outcomes.*
- The totals for Disposals will not match the totals for Offence Count or Complainant Age. The original request was for "**passed to prosecutors for further action**" but this is not something that we can provide. The data for this section of the FOI was extracted using a filter for only 'Suspects' and 'Accused' – not all crimes will have a suspect or accused.*

