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Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20181191

REQUEST

1.How many cases of sexual assault/rape have been investigated by your Police force within the last 3 years, and how many resulted in no charges being brought against suspected offenders in each of those years and, where possible, reasons why they were unsuccessful investigations?

2.Also what groups of individuals are committing these crimes, particularly how many are committed by under 16s, those aged 16 to 24, those aged 25 to 39 and those aged 40 or older in each of the last 3 years and

3.how many of the crimes investigated have been committed by British and Irish nationals, how many have been committed by foreign nationals from other European countries, and how many by foreign nationals from outside Europe in each of the last 3 years?

CLARIFICATION

Please could you clarify the following point(s): -

We can provide data in regards to Crimes from our Crime Management System Connect. This system will give you the specific sexual offences, the ages of the offenders , the outcomes of each one and ethnicity. (Nationality is not always recorded) Would this be sufficient for your research?

FROM THE REQUESTOR

Yes that information would be absolutely acceptable for me from your connect system, thank you very much.

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)

They were able to provide me with data from which the attached spreadsheets have been compiled.

Please note disclosure of information on a 'line by line' basis would make it possible to identify individuals from that data, and/or other information in the possession of a data controller.

It is not therefore available in this format as it would be exempt from release under Section 40(2) Personal Information of the FOI Act. I also considered engaging Section 44 (1) Prohibition on Disclosures, in respect of Section 2 of the Sexual Offences Act 1992 (as amended by Schedule 6 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003) which gives victims of specific offences a guaranteed anonymity. However, I believe giving the data in the attached tabled and tabbed format will mitigate this concern.