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REQUEST

Could you please tell me for the years 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012 (or for the corresponding financial years if the information is only available in that format):

- 1. How many calls did South Yorkshire Police receive relating to graffiti, and how many of these were in Sheffield?***
- 2. How many arrests were there related to graffiti, and how many people were fined, issued with a warning or charged and/or convicted?***

RESPONSE

The information you seek is not held within a single database. I have attempted to source data from various Departments/Systems.

- I sought contacted the Incident management system Administrator for assistance with this question. He has advised there is no 'title' of an incident for graffiti, he can only isolate incident records which contain the word within the free text. He provided the explanation of his search and the results are tabled below.
I Ran text search query for % graffiti% and %graffiti% for period 1st Jan 2012 to 1st Jan 2017

YEAR	SHEFFIELD	ALL OTHER DISTRICTS	TOTAL
2012	161	164	325
2013	219	168	387
2014	188	127	315
2015	260	169	429
2016	246	178	424
TOTAL	1074	806	1880

- I then contacted the Custody Handling System Administrator for assistance with arrest data, she advised:
*There is no offence on the Police National Legal Database which would reflect committing an offence of graffiti.
It would likely come criminal damage. Graffiti may be present in the offence wording if charged - if not charged then no wording would be obtained so full and accurate arrest data cannot be obtained from CHS.*

I also approached our Crime Management System (CMS) Administrator for offence data/outcomes. I have been provided with the enclosed data and the following explanation of search criteria/caveats:

Count the number of Outcomes by Outcome Types applied criminal damage offences (CMS codes 058 and 149) were the MO Code = 3311 GRAFFITI or the word GRAFFITI (using wildcards for possible spelling mistakes) appears in the circumstances text field.