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Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20182053

REQUEST

*How many crimes have you responded to that have taken place at a hospital in the past three years? Please could you provide a yearly breakdown?

*Please could you provide a breakdown on the type of crime committed and any other detail about what happened?

*Please could you specify how many crimes were committed against hospital staff and how many were against members of the public?

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)

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.

She provided me with the enclosed spreadsheet and the following explanation of her search criteria:

Please see the attached data and the below explanation.

CMS(ii) data

I have included a count of offences recorded on the CMS(ii) crime register where the offence was recorded between 01-Jan-2015 and 04-Dec-2017 where the crime scene premises type is HOSPITAL. Of these offences, 29 were also recorded with the crime scene premises type – OUTSIDE PREMISES.

We cannot readily identify if the victim is a member of staff, this could possibly be established if the circumstances of each offence were reviewed. However I have included a breakdown of the victim's occupation group.

CONNECT data

I have included a count of offences recorded for CONNECT crime where the offence was recorded between 05-Dec-2017 and 31-Oct-2018 where the MO DESC 1 is LOCATION and

the MO DESC 3 is Hospital - Public/Private. Not Waiting Room or Waiting Room - Doctor, Dentist, Hospital. NOT Railway. Regarding the MO DESC 3 Waiting Room - Doctor, Dentist, Hospital. NOT Railway, without reviewing these offences we cannot identify if the waiting room was doctor, dentist or hospital. In addition, we cannot readily identify if the victim is a member of staff, this could possibly be established if the circumstances of each offence were reviewed. However I have included a breakdown of the victim's occupation level 1.

We have had to take a slightly different approach to extracting the data from CONNECT as the data is not recorded in the same format as the legacy system CMS(ii). SYP have changed their central crime management system in December 2017. Therefore data from the new system cannot be used as a direct comparison due to the different ways in which crimes are recorded. However, the data has been given to comply with original request and displayed here to show an outline trend.