

16th August 2018

Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20181309

REQUEST

***In the last five financial years – 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18
- how many allegations of stalking has been reported to South Yorkshire Police?***

***In the last five financial years – 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18
- how many successful prosecutions has there been in relation to allegations of
stalking reported to South Yorkshire Police?***

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 of her search criteria:

CMS DATA

I have provided a count of offence recorded on CMS Crime Register where the HO Description is 'STALKING', broken down by Outcome of Offence, recorded between Statistics Date 01-Nov-2012 and 05-Dec-2017.

CONNECT DATA

I have provided a count of offences recorded on CONNECT where the HO Sub Sub Group Name is 'STALKING' broken down by Outcome of Offence, RECORDED between Incident Created Date 05-Dec-2017 and 31-July-2018.

The below 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 2014 and the offences were then moved to this class.

OFFENCE RECORDED

**PURSUE COURSE OF CONDUCT IN BREACH OF SEC 1 (1) WHICH AMOUNTS TO STALKING
STALKING INVOLVING FEAR OF VIOLENCE
STALKING INVOLVING SERIOUS ALARM/DISTRESS**

Stalking - The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 created two new offences of stalking by inserting new sections 2A and 4A into the PHA 1997. The new offences which came into force on 25 November 2012.