

4th December 2018

**Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20182041**

**REQUEST**

***1) How many crime reports in the last 5 calendar years have been 'screened out' or closed without investigation on the same day they were reported? Please can you break this down by year (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and as many months of 2018 as you have so far), and say which category the crime report fell into:***

- ***vehicle offences***
- ***burglary***
- ***arson and criminal damage***
- ***theft***
- ***public order offence***
- ***robbery***
- ***violence against the person***
- ***misc crimes against society***
- ***possession of weapons***
- ***sexual offences***
- ***drug offences***
- ***other accepted crime***

***By 'screened out', I mean cases where a crime reference number was issued but no subsequent investigation or follow-up was ever carried out. This can be after an initial/ primary assessment to identify those that are more likely to be solvable.***

**CLARIFICATION**

South Yorkshire Police has received a number of similar requests to yours in the past.

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/accessing-information/request-information-under-the-freedom-of-information-act/screened-crimesref20170744/>

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/media/1571/screened-out-crimesref-20170459.pdf>

**FROM THE REQUESTER**

***Thank you for alerting me to the presence of previous similar FOI requests. I don't believe any of them actually ask for 'screened out' crimes on the same day, so I don't think this information is publicly available.***

**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:

*Please see the attached data and the below explanation.*

**CMS(ii) data.**

*I have provided a count of offences recorded on the CMS(ii) crime register between 01-Jan-2013 and 04-Dec-2017 where Screened date is not null and is equal to the Date recorded. I have broken this down by the calendar year and the Home Office Offence class.*

*Please note – I am not sure which figures have been already provided to the requestor therefore the method used to extract this data, may not return the same results. These results are based on the date screened field being populated and equal to the date recorded.*

*I cannot provide data for offences 'screened' between 05-Dec-2017 to present day as this information is not currently available to extract from CONNECT using the query tool BI.*

For more information on this subject, please see the attached policy documents.