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Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20190764

REQUEST

For your force, please may I request:

- I. FOR 2018 – How many times was “Solo deployment” or “single crewing” implemented*
- II. FOR 2017 – How many times was “Solo deployment” or “single crewing” implemented*
- III. FOR 2016 – How many times was “Solo deployment” or “single crewing” implemented*

RESPONSE

I firstly approached South Yorkshire Police four districts for assistance with your request. (Sheffield, Rotherham, Barnsley & Doncaster)

Each one has advised they do not record if an officer has solo deployed/single crewed.

I also contacted our IT department, they are the Administrators for our Incident Management System. They checked the system but there is no mandatory field or marker that highlights if an incident has been resourced as either “Solo Deployment or “Single Crewing” They did a free text search to see if it is recorded manually but this only returned 4 incidents in the time period requested. I checked each one and 2 of those referred to “single crewing” in regards to a SYP officer but the other 2 were in relation to other information inputted.

Any further searching to see if any individual officers duties has resulted in solo deployment or single crewing for any days would require a manual check of any notes or pocket book entries made by that officer. With every officer in the force to check this would exceed the 18hr time limit allowed by the FOI act and even then not necessarily record the relevant data.

Therefore in this instance our response is one of “No Information Held”