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Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20191302

REQUEST

- (i) The number of recorded crimes, under Section 2(1) of the 1961 Suicide Act, for aiding and abetting suicide between 1st January 2015 and 31st December 2018.
- (ii) The number of individuals interviewed under caution, in relation to Section 2(1) of the 1961 Suicide Act, for aiding and abetting suicide between 1st January 2015 and 31st January 2018.
- (iii) The number of individuals charged in relation to Section 2(1) of the 1961 Suicide, for aiding and abetting suicide between 1st January 2015 and 31st December 2018.
- (iv) The number of individuals arrested in relation to Section 2(1) of the 1961 Suicide, for aiding and abetting suicide between 1st January 2015 and 31st December 2018.

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 below details and explanation of her search criteria:

CMS(ii) Data –

I have searched for the offence INTENTIONALLY DOING AN ACT CAPABLE OF ENCOURAGING OR ASSISTING THE SUICIDE OR ATTEMPTED SUICIDE OF ANOTHER recorded on the CMS(ii) Crime Register between 01-Jan-2015 and 04-Dec-2017, this was a nil return.

CONNECT Data -

I have searched for the offence INTENTIONALLY DOING AN ACT CAPABLE OF ENCOURAGING OR ASSISTING THE SUICIDE OR ATTEMPTED SUICIDE OF ANOTHER recorded on CONNECT for Crime between 05-Dec-2017 and 31-Dec-2018, this returned 1 offence. No outcome is currently recorded.