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Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20191767

REQUEST

I am conducting research on a national basis into uninsured / non-stop collisions and am surveying forces across the country to ascertain the scale of the issue.

I am aware of Stats 19 data but much of the below data is not available from DfT via stats 19 on a force by force basis hence the request in this format.

Can you please provide the following data relating to non-stop Road Traffic Collisions in your force area.

- 1) Number of RTC's reported year by year in your force area for the period 2014 – 2019*
- 2) Breakdown of those RTC's into Fatal, Injury, Damage only year by year*
- 3) Number of RTC's classified as non-stop in your force area for the period 2014 – 2019 Broken down into Fatal Injury, Damage Only year by year*
- 4) Number of RTC's classified as non-stop where an offender was traced and subsequently prosecuted for offences of failing to stop, / failing to report a collision for the period 2014 – 2019 broken down to Fatal, Injury and Damage Only*
- 5) Number of Fatal RTC's where a vehicle failed to stop for the period 2014 – 2019 and total number of deceased from those fatal RTC's*
- 6) Number of non-stop fatal RTC's 2014-2019 whereby no driver was ever prosecuted for FTS*
- 7) Number of RTC's where at least 1 driver / vehicle was shown as uninsured for period 2014 – 2019 and number prosecuted year by year*
- 8) Number of Fatal RTC's whereby at least 1 driver / vehicle was uninsured and total number of fatalities from these RTC's for the period 2014 – 2019*

RESPONSE

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires South Yorkshire Police, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt), to provide you the applicant with a notice which:

- a. states that fact,
- b. specifies the exemption in question and
- c. states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The following exemption applies to the disclosure of the information:

Section 12 – Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit

I approached our Operational Support Unit for assistance with your request. An Analyst has advised the following in respect of Q4,6, 7 & 8:

Unable to do this as not part of Stats19 and I don't have access to this data. It would have to be manually compiled and would take an enormous amount of time due to the volume of collisions enquired about. Only recent CRASH data has some level of prosecution data but with the data extraction tool still not been operation / proved accurate it is not possible.

In essence, we would have to review all the collisions recorded manually, to extract the level of detail to meet the criteria of your request for these questions. This process would take much longer than 18 hours' work.

The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 provide that the cost limit for non-central government public authorities is £450. This must be calculated at the rate of £25 per hour, providing an effective time limit of 18 hours.

Guidance from the Information Commissioner to public authorities is that where one part of a request is reasonably estimated to exceed the appropriate limit then the authority is not obliged to consider or comply with the remainder of the request up to the point at which the appropriate limit has been reached. Please note point 30 of the below link:-

https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1199/costs_of_compliance_exceeds_appropriate_limit.pdf

Although excess cost removes the force's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request neither does it bind South Yorkshire Police to any commitment that it will release information in such a manner in the future .

1) Number of RTC's reported year by year in your force area for the period 2014 – 2019

2) Breakdown of those RTC's into Fatal, Injury, Damage only year by year

Answer :

<u>ALL INJURY RTCs.</u>						
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
<i>Fatal</i>	20	40	35	42	39	23
<i>Serious</i>	398	319	514	692	717	444
<i>Slight</i>	2,750	2,707	2,504	2,060	1,713	816
<i>Total</i>	3,168	3,066	3,053	2,794	2,469	1,283

3) Number of RTC's classified as non-stop in your force area for the period 2014 – 2019 Broken down into Fatal Injury, Damage Only year by year

Answer :

Stats19 has two way of recording this type of data.

Option 1 : Hit and Run and Option 2 : Non Stop, Not Hit.

Numbers of **Collisions** listed below :

<u>Where at least one vehicle = 1. Hit & run</u>						
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
<i>Fatal</i>	2	3	1	6	2	3
<i>Serious</i>	35	40	47	85	101	56

<i>Slight</i>	395	446	514	489	407	229
<i>Total</i>	432	489	562	580	510	288

<i>Where at least one vehicle = 2. Non-stop vehicle, not hit</i>						
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
<i>Fatal</i>	0	2	0	1	0	0
<i>Serious</i>	3	2	7	9	6	14
<i>Slight</i>	30	28	41	32	30	28
<i>Total</i>	33	32	48	42	36	42

5) Number of Fatal RTC's where a vehicle failed to stop for the period 2014 – 2019 and total number of deceased from those fatal RTC's

Answer :

Stats19 has two way of recording this type of data.

Option 1 : Hit and Run and Option 2 : Non Stop, Not Hit.

Numbers of **Casualties** resulting from the above collisions listed below :

<i>ALL INJURY RTC CASUALTIES.</i>						
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
<i>Fatal</i>	26	49	37	44	45	27
<i>Serious</i>	443	352	579	778	825	503
<i>Slight</i>	4,088	4,000	3,780	3,036	2,456	1,227
<i>Total</i>	4,557	4,401	4,396	3,858	3,326	1,757

<i>Casualties resulting : Where at least one vehicle = 1. Hit & run</i>						
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
<i>Fatal</i>	3	6	1	6	2	3
<i>Serious</i>	40	43	50	93	112	61
<i>Slight</i>	472	526	633	619	512	302
<i>Total</i>	515	575	684	718	626	366

<i>Casualties resulting : Where at least one vehicle = 2. Non-stop vehicle, not hit</i>						
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
<i>Fatal</i>	0	2	0	1	0	0
<i>Serious</i>	3	5	10	9	6	15
<i>Slight</i>	36	49	61	43	39	42
<i>Total</i>	39	56	71	53	45	57