

27th September 2019

**Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20191966**

**REQUEST**

***How many arrests were made by your force for controlling or coercive behavior in 2016, 2017, 2018 and so far in 2019?***

***How many of those arrests resulted in no further action being taken?***

***How many people were charged with controlling or coercive behavior by your force in 2016, 2017, 2018 and so far in 2019?***

**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/coercive-or-controlling-behaviour-ref-20190184/>

**FROM THE REQEUSTER**

***This earlier FOI has some of the information I need but not all of it.***

***I would like to know the number of arrests for controlling or coercive behaviour between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 (the attached response has different time parameters)***

***I would also like to know the number of arrests between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018. Also between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 until the most recent date.***

***I'd like to know the outcomes of those arrests for 2016, 2017,2018 and 2019 please. The attached information combines 2016 and 2017 and also combines 2017 and 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 enclosed spreadsheet and the following explanation of her search criteria:

*FOI,*

*Please see the attached data and below explanation.*

*CMS Data*

*I have provided a count of the offence ENGAGE IN CONTROLLING/ COERCIVE BEHAVIOUR IN AN INTIMATE/FAMILY RELATIONSHIP, where the offence was recorded on the CMS(ii) crime register for the offence between 01-Jan-2016 and 04-Dec-2017. Of the offence count, I have provided a breakdown of the offence outcome.*

*CONNECT Data*

*I have provided a count of the offence ENGAGE IN CONTROLLING/ COERCIVE BEHAVIOUR IN AN INTIMATE/FAMILY RELATIONSHIP, where the offence was recorded for CONNECT crime between 05-Dec-2017 and 31-Aug-2019. Of the offence count, I have provided a breakdown of the offence outcome.*