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REQUEST

The total number of reports lodged of domestic abuse each year between and including 1st January and 31st December of 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019.

I would like this information broken down as specifically as possible by the nature of the offence - however this is recorded by your force.

I would also like to obtain the data on the gender and ethnicity of the victims.

RESPONSE

I approached our Crime Management Data Returns Officer 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) and provided me with the enclosed spreadsheet in response and the following explanation regarding her search criteria:

CMS(ii) Crime -

I have included a count of offences recorded on the CMS(ii) Crime Register between 01-Jan-2010 and 04-Dec-2017 recorded with a Domestic Incident Flag and a victim. Of this count of offences, I have included a breakdown of the victims by Gender and Ethnicity.

CMS(ii) Domestic Incident register –

I have included a count of offences recorded on the CMS(ii) Domestic Incident Register between 01-Jan-2010 and 04-Dec-2017 recorded with a Domestic Incident Flag and a victim. Of this count of offences, I have included a breakdown of the victims by Gender and Ethnicity.

CONNECT crime –

I have included a count of offences recorded for CONNECT Crime, where the offence was recorded with a victim and a Domestic Abuse Keyword, recorded on CONNECT between 04-Dec-2017 and 31-Dec-2019. Of this count of offences, I have included a breakdown of the victims by Gender and Ethnicity.

CONNECT Non Crime Investigations –

I have included a count of investigations recorded on CONNECT, where the offence was recorded with a victim and a Domestic Abuse Keyword, recorded on CONNECT between

04-Dec-2017 and 31-Dec-2019. Of this count of investigations, I have included a breakdown of the victims by Gender and Ethnicity.

Please note –

- Some offences may be recorded with more than one victim, therefore we expect a count of victims to exceed a count of offences.
- The data is extracted from live crime systems, therefore the data may differ from previous requests.
- We have identified some offences recorded for CONNECT where victim details appear to have been duplicated, as a result the count of victims by gender and ethnicity may not be accurate. These offences will be referred to the relevant unit for review. Given the data may not be an accurate reflection of the number of victims, you may take the decision not to currently release this data.

For reference the below, is the Domestic Abuse Definition –

The UK government's definition of domestic violence is 'any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are, or have been, intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality. The abuse can encompass, but is not limited to psychological, physical, sexual, financial, and emotional.'

Domestic abuse can take different forms, including:

- **physical abuse**
- **sexual abuse**
- **financial abuse**
- **coercive control / emotional abuse**
- **digital / online abuse**
- **honour-based violence**

In addition, some victims have been recorded with the Date of Birth 01/01/1900 which results in the age 119. This is only recorded when the victim's age is unknown, however these records will be amended accordingly when the correct Date of Birth is known.