

29<sup>th</sup> June 2020

## **Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20201315**

### **REQUEST**

**1. Please provide the total number of:**

**(i) Domestic abuse incidents and, separately, offences with a domestic abuse flag reported between 23 March and 10 May in 2019 and the same dates for 2020.**

**(ii) The outcome of those offences in Q1 (i) (including but not limited to: arrests, charged, released with no further action, released under investigation, released on bail with conditions etc.) between 23 March and 10 May in 2019 and the same dates for 2020.**

### **Clarification Request**

We would provide you with incidents with a Domestic marker from our Smart system, which records the majority of calls to South Yorkshire Police requiring the specific deployment of police resources, whether reported by members of the public via 999 or 101 or 'happened upon' by officers and staff in the course of their duties. The log runs as a running commentary of an incident as it unfolds and has limited search capability. An incident may not always give an indication of the work carried out after the call has terminated, or the final outcome.

We could provide you with offences with a Domestic marker, these would be from our Crime Management system, Connect. This is used to record complaints or allegations of those matters, which the Home Office specify should be recorded as 'crimes', and could provide you with the date parameter, offence title, and offence outcome. i.e. charged, caution, no further action, etc.

Would this be useful for your research?

### **Clarification Response**

**Yes, incidents from your Smart system and offences would be what we're after please.**

### **RESPONSE**

'Incidents' are recorded on our Incident Management System, a system which records matters and occurrences generally reported in the first instance by members of the public. It is important when responding that we differentiate between an 'incident' and a 'crime'. For example a member of the public may well call with details of a matter which they feel we should be aware of, this may firstly be recorded as an incident and only after further investigation does it result in a recorded 'crime'. Not all incidents will therefore result in a recorded crime.

It is not possible to track incidents into Crimes. For example multiple people may call us to report an incident which may or may not become a crime or separately a Crime may be discovered while investigating another matter therefore wouldn't be on the Incident Management System.

In relation to question (i), I contacted our Communications Centre who have provided me with the following information:-

The detail requested is shown below,

Incidents with a closing codes of domestic (both non crime & crime) between 23/05/19 & 10/05/19 = 2735

All Incidents in the above timeframe that have the DA indicator marked as Yes = 4525

Incidents with a closing codes of domestic (both non crime & crime) between 23/05/20 & 10/05/20 = 2751

All Incidents in the above timeframe that have the DA indicator marked as Yes = 4667

I also approached our Crime Management Data Returns Administrator for assistance with part (ii) of your request. The Connect System is used to record complaints or allegations of those matters, which the Home Office specify should be recorded as 'crimes'.

She provided me with the enclosed spreadsheet and the following explanation of her search criteria:

This is extracted from CONNECT as at 24/06/2020.

Volume of outcomes recorded on Domestic Abuse crimes reported between 23/03/19-10/05/19 inclusive and also for reported between 23/05/2020 and 10/05/2020 inclusive.