

12th May 2020

Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20201025

REQUEST

Please could you provide the following information?:

- 1. The number of house burglaries recorded by your force, broken down by month***
- 2. The number of burglaries recorded by your force, broken down by month***
- 3. The number of robberies recorded by your force, broken down by month***
- 4. The total number of crimes recorded by your force, broken down by month***

Please could the information be provided for the months January to April for the years 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017 and 2016.

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'.

He 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. All our systems are designed and used first and foremost for Policing Purposes and have limited search capability.

He provided me with the enclosed spreadsheet and the following explanation of his search criteria:

Please find attached data relating to FOI 20201025. Please also see the data notes below.

Data Notes:

- Figures exclude No Crimes and Aborted crimes.*
- In Apr-17 there was a national change to the way burglaries were recorded - the category of "Burglary Dwelling" was changed to "Burglary Residential" and the category of "Burglary Other" was changed to "Burglary Business & Community". Therefore data for 2017 will contain a mixture of these offence group descriptions.*
- The term "House Burglaries" has been defined as those crimes classified as "Burglary Dwelling" and "Burglary Residential".*
- Robbery figures are broken down by offence title in order to view the 'attempt' volumes.*