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Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20201521

REQUEST

- 1. How many disability hate crimes have been recorded by your police force for the last two financial years –2018/19 and 2019/20?**
- 2. How many disability hate crimes during each financial year (2018/19 and 2019/20) concerned acts of violence against a person?**
- 3. How many incidents of disability hate crime were recorded as taking place online in each financial year (2018/19 and 2019/20)?**
- 4. How many of the recorded disability hate crimes in each financial year (2018/19 and 2019/20) resulted in a charging decision?**
- 5. How many of the recorded disability hate crimes in each financial year (2018/19 and 2019/20) were prosecuted?**
- 6. How many of the recorded disability online hate crimes in each financial year (2018/19 and 2019/20) resulted in a charging decision?**
- 7. How many of the recorded disability online hate crimes in each financial year (2018/19 and 2019/20) were prosecuted?**

RESPONSE

I approached our Crime Management Data Returns Administrator for assistance with 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'.

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:

Please see the attached data and below explanation.

I have included a count of offences recorded with the Hate Crime Disability Indicator with a breakdown by Online Crime Indicator and Home Office Offence Group, where the offence was recorded for CONNECT Crime between 01-Apr-2018 and 31-Mar-2020. Of the offence count, I have included the Offence Outcome.

I cannot provide prosecution data as this information is not recorded for CONNECT.

In respect of the Prosecution data - We do not record prosecution data (this information may be available from the MoJ). As an alternative, the 'outcomes/disposals' have been provided.

You may want to approach the CPS directly regarding this part of your enquiry:

<https://www.cps.gov.uk/freedom-information>