

20<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20210598**

**REQUEST**

Please can you supply:

1. A breakdown of knife crime offences by individual Crime and Safety Partnership areas within the boundaries of your police force.
2. A breakdown for the calendar years 2018, 2019, 2020 by individual Crime and Safety Partnership areas of knife crime offences, broken down by offence.
3. A breakdown for the calendar years 2018, 2019, 2020 of knife crime offences giving the location data (lat, lon) of each offence.
4. The location (lat, lon) data for each of the offences with the Home office codes 1, 2, 4/1, 5D, 8N, 8P, 8S, 34B broken down by crime code and calendar years 2018, 2019, 2020.

The crime codes mentioned correspond to:

- 1 Murder Violence against the person Homicide
- 2 Attempted murder Violence against the person
- 3A Conspiracy to murder
- 3B Threats to kill
- 4/1 Manslaughter
- 5D Assault with intent to cause serious harm
- 8N Assault with injury
- 8P Racially or religiously aggravated assault with injury
- 8S Assault with Injury on a Constable
- 34B Robbery of personal property

**Clarification**

South Yorkshire Police has received a number of similar requests to yours in the past. All such requests and responses are published on the Force Disclosure Log, which can be found on the South Yorkshire Police website at: -

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/accessing-information/>

You may find that research of the Log may be worthwhile prior to submitting future requests as this may well result in the information being available immediately rather than any delay resulting from the process of responding to a request under the Act. In particular, we would draw your attention to the following entries: -

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/accessing-information/request-information-under-the-freedom-of-information-act/knife-crime-ref-20200108/>

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/accessing-information/request-information-under-the-freedom-of-information-act/knife-crime-offences-ref-20190827/>

Please note that providing details of each offence line by line with a date along with latitude/longitude if available could trigger S30(1)(a) Investigations and S40(2) Personal

information exemptions. However, we could provide data by district location and break the date down to a month, if this would be useful for your research.

### **Reply to Clarification**

**Thank you for coming back to and thank you for the links. The requests you pointed to don't cover the whole time period we are interested in unfortunately so I will need information on all of the points I requested – I appreciate your time on this.**

**Data by month is fine for us. Can you give the data at Community Safety partnership level (Which I think is Local Authority level), but also by the lowest geography possible – postcode district/MSOA/LSOA please**

### **RESPONSE**

A Performance Review Officer from the Serious Violent Crime Task Force has provided the attached data and following explanation:-

In 2019 the Home Office recognised that the flagging of crimes which met the ADR160 Knife Crime criteria was inconsistent across forces. This prompted the introduction of a new approach designed to simplify and standardise the methodology, which SYP was one of the first forces to adopt. Our data back to April 2019 has now been comprehensively reviewed using this approach, and the Home Office have applied retrospective adjustments to our data at force and offence 'group' level back to April 2010 by quarter. This means that data prior to April 2019 can only be presented at this level, whereas data from April 2019 onwards can be broken down further by the offence category code and by District.

We also upload data to Police.uk and at single record level and they then 'snap' the data, at the risk of identifying victims, scene of crimes etc. – to preserve anonymity, and you may find this site useful with your research.

<https://www.police.uk/>