

8th December 2021

Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20212396

REQUEST

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your police force.

Please could you provide me with:

- 1. The total number of sexual offences that were alleged to have taken place on school premises in your police force area where both the perpetrator and the victim are under 16 years of age.*

For each offence I would like to know:

- 2. The type of offence.*
- 3. The ages of the alleged perpetrators and victims.*
- 4. The location where the alleged offence happened (if known).*
- 5. How many of these alleged offences resulted in no further action (rather than going on to be charged)?*

Please can I have the information from 1st January 2017 to 10th November 2021 (or the most recent incident). I ask for the information to be broken down into calendar years (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021).

CLARIFICATION

For the data prior to Dec 2017 - data is held on an historic system no longer in use and cannot be readily extracted. Manual reviews would be required to find the data within the system, bringing cost into play. Therefore this data cannot be located or retrieved in a readily retrievable format within cost, and as such your request triggers the s12 cost exemption.

We could provide Dec 2017 to date. Sexual Offences count. Ages of the victims (Offender data triggers the S12 rule also) and the Outcomes i.e. charged/nfa etc.

We would not release location detail ie school name but we could do a district breakdown of Sheffield, Rotherham , Doncaster , Barnsley.

If you can then provide us with a refined request, if necessary, to help us to identify and locate any outstanding data you may still require

CLARIFICATION RECEIVED.

I will accept data from Dec 2017 to prevent the cost exemption coming into play. So too with the location, I'll accept the broader location terms.

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 'crime'.

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

They provided me with the enclosed spreadsheet and the following explanation of their search criteria:

Please find the data attached for FOI 20212396. The following criteria has been used:

- *COUNT OF CRIME OFFENCES RECORDED WHERE INCIDENT CREATED DATE BETWEEN 04-DEC-2017 AND 17-NOV-2021*
- *HO GROUP NAME = SEXUAL OFFENCES, VICTIM AGE AT INCIDENT LESS THAN 16 AND PREMISES TYPE = SCHOOL OR MO DESC 3 = SCHOOL.*