

Date: Thu 18 May 2017 **Reference Number:** 20170768 **FOI Category:** Stats - Crime

Title: Acid Attacks 2015-2017

Request Date: Friday, 21 April, 2017

Response Date: Thursday, 18 May, 2017

Request Details:

Please would you tell me:

A record of all acid attacks recorded by your force during the following calendar years:

a) 2015

b) 2016

c) 2017 to date (April 21 or whichever date is closest)

Please use calendar years but failing that financial years would be fine - please state which type of year you respond with.

By 'acid attack' I mean any kind of crime in which the perpetrator(s) threw acid or a corrosive substance at the victim(s) in order to harm them.

For each record, please provide:

i) the local authority of community safety partnership in which it took place

ii) the year

iii) the crime as recorded by the police (e.g. assault occasioning actual bodily harm)

iv) the outcome of the crime (e.g. charged)

Exemptions Applied:

None

SYP Response:

I approached our Crime Management System (CMS) Administrator for assistance with your request. The CMS 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 data and the following explanation of her search criteria:

I have included a count of offences recorded within the offence groups – Violence against the person, Robbery & sexual offences (nil result) where one of the following weapon type has been used –

ACID – NIL RESULT

OTHER CORROSIVE/NOXIOUS/ACCELERANT FLUID

AMMONIA

BLEACH

I have included a breakdown of offences, Local Policing Team, offence outcome and the weapon type & usage recorded on CMS for 2015, 2016 and 01-JAN-2017 to 30-APR-2017.

Calendar year has been used.

SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE COUNT OF THE SPECIFIED CIRCUMSTANCES OF OFFENCE RECORDED ON CMS FOR 2015, 2016 AND 01-JAN-2017 TO 30-APR-2017				
Home Office Description	2015	2016	2017	Total
ASSAULT WITH INJURY	3	9	2	14
ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO CAUSE SERIOUS HARM	0	6	0	6
ASSAULT WITHOUT INJURY	1	0	2	3
POSSESSION OF OTHER WEAPONS	0	0	1	1
ROBBERY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY	0	1	1	2
Grand Total	4	16	6	26

SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE OF THE OFFENCE COUNT , THE FOLLOWING IS A BREAKDOWN BY OUTCOME OF OFFENCE RECORDED ON CMS FOR 2015, 2016 AND 01-JAN-2017 TO 30-APR-2017				
Outcome	2015	2016	2017	Total
A - CHARGED	1	0	0	1
B - SIMPLE CAUTION	1	0	0	1
CHARGED WITH OFFENCE RECORDED	0	5	1	6
NAMED SUSPECT EVID - VICTIM DOES NOT SUPPORT POLICE ACTION	0	1	2	3
NAMED SUSPECT EVIDENTIAL DIFFICULTIES - (CPS DECISION)	0	1	1	2
NAMED SUSPECT EVIDENTIAL DIFFICULTIES - (POLICE DECISION)	2	4	0	6
NO SUSPECT IDENTIFIED - INVESTIGATION COMPLETE	0	5	2	7
Total	4	16	6	26

SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE OF THE OFFENCE COUNT , THE FOLLOWING IS A BREAKDOWN BY LOCAL POLICING TEAM RECORDED ON CMS FOR 2015, 2016 AND 01-JAN-2017 TO 30-APR-2017				
District / Local Policing Team	2015	2016	2017	Total
BARNSELEY BCU	0	0	0	0
Central	1	1	0	2
Cudworth	0	1	0	1
Hoyland West & Birdwell	0	1	0	1
Kingstone	0	0	1	1
Not Known	0	1	0	1
DONCASTER BCU	0	0	0	0
Bessacarr	0	0	1	1
Edlington	0	0	1	1
Hexthorpe	0	2	1	3
Town Centre	0	3	0	3
ROTHERHAM BCU	0	0	0	0
Rother Valley West	0	4	0	4
Rotherham South	0	1	1	2
SHEFFIELD BCU	0	0	0	0
Darnall	1	0	0	1
Firth Park	0	1	0	1
Gleadless Valley	0	0	1	1
Manor Castle	1	0	0	1
Walkley	0	1	0	1
Woodhouse	1	0	0	1
Total	4	16	6	26

SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE OF THE OFFENCE COUNT , THE FOLLOWING IS A BREAKDOWN BY WEAPON TYPE & USAGE RECORDED ON CMS FOR 2015, 2016 AND 01-JAN-2017 TO 30-APR-2017						
Weapon Type	Weapon Usage					Total
	BURNING	CARRIED - NOT USED	PUNCHING /SLAPPING / HITTING/ BANGING	SPRAYING/ SQUIRTING/ POURING/ DAUBING	THROWIN G	
2015						
OTHER CORROSIVE/NOXIOUS/ACCELERANT FLUID	1	0	0	3	0	4
2016						
AMMONIA	0	0	0	1	2	3
BLEACH	0	0	0	3	2	5
OTHER CORROSIVE/NOXIOUS/ACCELERANT FLUID	0	0	0	8	0	8
2017						
AMMONIA	0	1	0	0	0	1
BLEACH	0	0	0	2	1	3
OTHER CORROSIVE/NOXIOUS/ACCELERANT FLUID	0	0	1	1	0	2
Total	1	1	1	18	5	26