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Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20180897

REQUEST

I'd like to request a comprehensive set of data on Homophobic and Transgender Hate Crimes for the last 11 calendar years.

Specifically I'd like to receive:

A) On each sheet the number of crimes where there is present on the crime records a branch flag for Homophobic Hate Crime (HO or HR); for each of the calendar years from 2007 - 2018; further broken down by:

Sheet 1. MAJOR AND MINOR CRIME CLASSIFICATION – The main category and subcategory of the crime, e.g. Major – 11: Violence Against the Person; Minor – 110: Homicide; or 111: Violence with Injury; or 112: Violence without injury

Sheet 2: AREA – The area in which the offence occurred, which may be categorized depending on the police force by: Area, or Borough, or Operational Command Unit (sometimes listed as SUMMARY X OCU)

Sheet 3: SELF DEFINED ETHNICITY OF SUSPECT – e.g. A1: Asian – Indian; A2: Asian – Pakistani

Sheet 4: SELF DEFINED ETHNICITY OF VICTIM – as above

Sheet 5: GENDER OF SUSPECT – the gender of the suspect, usually Female, Male or Unknown/unrecorded

Sheet 6: GENDER OF VICTIM – as above

Sheet 7: AGE OR AGE GROUP – the age or age group of the suspect and victim

Sheet 8: CLEAR UP METHOD – whether Undetected, Charge or Summons, Caution or Community Resolution (Clear Up Method is the categorization used for outcomes, in most police forces prior to April 2014)

Sheet 9: OUTCOME - the expanded outcomes list introduced by the Home Office to most forces in April 2014 (e.g. number of charges or conviction)

B) For A) to be repeated except searching for a branch flag for Transgender Hate Crime (HT) instead of homophobic hate crime

RESPONSE

I approached our Crime Management Data Returns Officer 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'.

She 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)

She provided me with the enclosed spreadsheet and the following explanation of her search criteria:

CMS(ii) data –

I have provided a count of offences recorded on the CMS(ii) crime register between 01-Jan-2003 and 04-Dec-2017 where the offence was recorded with the Aggravating factor of either Sexual Orientation or Transgender. I have provided a breakdown for each, however 15 offences are recorded with both.

Of this count, I have provided offender details for accused offenders or a named suspect, broken down by age, gender & ethnicity where recorded. I have also included a breakdown of the offender's outcome. Please note a count of victims and offenders is not expected to reflect a count of offences as some offences will be recorded with more than one victim\offender and some offences without.

CONNECT data –

I have provided a count of offences recorded on the CMS(ii) crime register between 05-Dec-2017 and 31-May-2017 where the offence was recorded with the Hate keyword of either Sexual Orientation or Transgender. I have provided a breakdown for each, however 3 offences are recorded with both.

Of this count, I have provided offender details, broken down by age, gender & ethnicity where recorded. I have also included a breakdown of the offender's outcome. Please note a count of victims and offenders is not expected to reflect a count of offences as some offences will be recorded with more than one victim\offender and some offences without.

The Home Office changed the approach to reviewing outcomes of crimes implemented in South Yorkshire in July 2014, and now a broader framework is now in place. A crime which would have previously been closed as 'undetected' is now given a specific outcome based on the specific circumstances of that crime. However, as requested we have only provided specific outcomes based on the requesters requirements.

In addition, the outcomes CHARGED, SUMMONS and CAUTIONS changed in 2017 and we now specifically record for what offence, the offender was charged i.e. CHARGED is now recorded as either CHARGED WITH OFFENCE RECORDED Or CHARGED WITH AN ALTERNATIVE OFFENCE, therefore the outcomes are applicable depending on the year recorded the offence was recorded.

We have had to take a slightly different approach to extracting the data from CONNECT as the data is not recorded in the same format as the legacy system CMS(ii). SYP have changed their central crime management system in December 2017. Therefore data from the new system cannot be used as a direct comparison due to the different ways in which crimes are recorded. However, the data has been given to comply with original request and displayed here to show an outline trend.