

27<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20180425**

**REQUEST**

***Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide me with the following information:***

***In 2016, the number of people charged by South Yorkshire Police under Section 76 of the Serious Crime Act 2015 - Controlling or Coercive Behaviour in an Intimate or Family Relationship***

***In 2017, the number of people charged by South Yorkshire Police under Section 76 of the Serious Crime Act 2015 - Controlling or Coercive Behaviour in an Intimate or Family Relationship***

**RESPONSE**

I approached our Data Returns Officer and Administrator 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) For FOI requests such as this, we access the two separate systems and the retrieval and data extraction varies greatly dependant on the search capabilities and the inputted data.

The information you receive therefore may be in two different formats depending on your time parameters, and the data we can provide which will be dependent on the search capabilities of each system. All our systems are designed and used first and foremost for Policing Purposes and have limited search capability.

She provided me with the below table and the following explanation of her search criteria:

*The volume of suspects charged for offences recorded as offence code 0867 Engage in Controlling/Coercive Behaviour in an Intimate/Family Relationship between 1st January 2016 and 31st December 2017.*

*CMS - Suspects charged between 1st January 2016 and 31st December 2017.*

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>VOLUME OF SUSPECTS</b>
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2016	8
2017	11

*CONNECT - Suspects charged or summonsed between 5th and 31st December 2017.*

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>VOLUME OF SUSPECTS</b>
2017	1

Please note the Connect Systems doesn't distinguish between charge or summons