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**Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20180227**

**REQUEST**

**Please release the following information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act –**

- **How many crimes have been solved and unsolved in your areas of operation?**
- **How long have these crimes been unsolved for?**

**Please provide the figures for the above each of the following years - 2017, 2016, 2015 and 2014.**

**RESPONSE**

I approached our Crime Management Systems Analyst for assistance with your request. She conducted a search of our two crime management systems: (CMS - our legacy system which provides data up to 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017) and our new CONNECT system which records crimes from this date onwards. Due to difficulties with the way in which the data is extracted, data from our new CONNECT system is currently presented separately.

Each of these systems record complaints or allegations of those matters which the Home Office specify should be recorded as 'crimes' and using the criteria above our Crime Analyst has provided the enclosed data and the following explanation:

*We have provided a count of offences recorded on CMS(ii) between 01-Jan-2014 and 04-Dec-2017 and CONNECT between 05-Dec-2017 and 31-Dec-2017, broken down by the Home Office Offence class and the outcome of the offence.*

*Please note - 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.*

*We have provided this data in this format as we do not categorise the crimes on the crime recording systems as solved and unsolved.*