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Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20180128

REQUEST

How many people (or cases whichever is easier) CURRENTLY does South Yorkshire Police have 'under investigation' without charge for six months or longer

RESPONSE

I approached our Custody Handling System (CHS) Analyst for assistance with your request. This system records details relating to arrests and detainees held in custody.

Since 'Release Under Investigation' came into effect from 3rd April 2017, our analyst provided me with the raw data relating to all disposals since this date.

I have extracted disposals dating from 03rd April 2017 to 31st July 2017 (approximately 6 months from the date at which the system search was conducted for the purpose of this request) and then filtered those showing 'Release Under Investigation (RUI)'. These were then manually cross referenced with the raw data to ensure there were no further disposals which would supersede RUI. This returned a count of 1,104 individual custody records which indicated RUI as the most latest disposal outcome within our Custody Handling System which are over 6 months old.

Please note however this figure has been calculated based on filtering a large amount of data with a certain amount of manual cross referencing which may not accurately represent the latest status of individual arrests. The only way to provide a truly accurate figure would be to manually cross reference our Custody Handling System records with our Crime Management records which, with over 1000 records would easily exceed the 18 hour cost threshold.