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Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20172010

REQUEST

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please could you provide me with the following information:

a. The number of people who have been arrested for begging (or offences under S.3 Vagrancy Act 1824) for each calendar year from 2014 to 2017 (to date) (so 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 to date).

b. The number of people who have been charged with begging (or offences under S.3 Vagrancy Act 1824) in each calendar year from 2014 to 2017 (to date) (so 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 to date).

c. The number of people who have been arrested for causing or allowing a child to beg (or offences under S.4 Children and Young Persons Act 1933) for each calendar year from 2014 to 2017 (to date) (so 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 to date).

d. The number of people who have been charged with causing or allowing a child to beg (or offences under S.4 Children and Young Persons Act 1933) in each calendar year from 2014 to 2017 (to date) (so 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 to date).

RESPONSE

I approached our Custody Handling System Administrator to assist with your request. This system records Arrest/Charge data.

She carried out a search of the system and provided me with the below data.

a)

2014 = 15
2015 = 10
2016 = 14
2017 (12 NOV) = 12

b)

2014 = 10
2015 = 7
2016 = 11
2017 (12 NOV) = 10

c)

2014 = 0
2015 = 0
2016 = 0
2017 (12 NOV) = 0

d)

2014 = 0

2015 = 0

2016 = 0

2017 (12 NOV) = 0

End