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REQUEST

- 1. For each of the past five years (including 2017 to date), how many rapes and sexual assaults were reported to the force.**
- 2. For each of those past five years (including 2017 to date), how many reported rapes and sexual assaults resulted in charge.**
- 3. For each of those years, how many victims were referred to local rape and sexual violence support groups (if possible, please state the name of the groups used by the force for referrals).**
- 4. Has the force given any consideration to any waiting lists for rape and sexual violence support, and how such waiting lists can be mitigated against. If so, please provide details.**

RESPONSE

I contacted our Crime Management System (CMS) Administrator for assistance with your first two questions. She carried out a search of the system, provided me with the enclosed information and the following explanation of her search criteria/results:

I have included a count of offences recorded where the offence is recorded in the Home Office Offence class of Rape or Sexual assault, recorded on CMS for 2013 – 2017 to date 30-Jun-2017, broken down by the offence outcome.

The requestor should be advised regarding the regarding the following –

- Home Office Offence class of Rape also includes Attempt Rapes.*
- 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 that would have previously been closed as 'undetected' is now given a specific outcome based on the specific circumstances of that crime. In the more recent years the term 'NO OUTCOME CURRENTLY RECORDED' may mean that the crime is still under active investigation.*

I then approached our Public Protection Unit Manager regarding referrals to Support groups. He has advised that we do not hold information in relation to Q3 & Q4. The main follow on victim care would be dealt with by ISVAs, IDVAs and other third sector partners, including the SARC.