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Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20180372

<u>REQUEST</u>

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information please:

1)
The number of vehicle-related thefts reported to your police force in each of the last 3 years (2015, 2016, 2017).

2)
i) Of those vehicle related thefts the number classified as "theft of vehicle" i.e. where the vehicle is driven away illegally in each of the last 3 years (2015, 2016, 2017).

ii) The make and model of the car stolen in question 2 i) in each of the last 3 years (2015, 2016, 2017).

iii) Of those cars stolen in question 2 i) how many were cars with "Keyless" or "remote access" to the vehicle in each of the last 3 years (2015, 2016, 2017).

iv) Of those cars stolen in question 2 i) the method of entry used to access the vehicle in each of the last 3 years (2015, 2016, 2017).

3)
Summary details on all vehicle related thefts - including any mention of "keyless" or "remote" access to the car in each of the last 3 years (2015, 2016, 2017).

4)
Outcome of all police investigations in to vehicle related thefts, i.e. suspect charged, no further action, etc in each of the last 3 years (2015, 2016, 2017).

<u>RESPONSE</u>

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 4th 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:

CMS(ii) Data –

Included is a count of offences recorded on the CMS(ii) crime register where a 'Vehicle' has been recorded as Stolen, where the offence was recorded between 01-Jan-2015 and 04-Dec-2017. The

below table provides a breakdown of the Vehicle Types on CMS(ii) and the data provided includes all of these types. We have provided a table to show the number stolen by Vehicle Type.

We have also included any relevant MO recorded on these offences. MO are a non-mandated requirement, therefore using MO as search criteria may not accurately reflect what is potentially recorded on CMS(ii).

CONNECT –

Included is a count of the specified offences as above, recorded on the CONNECT system between 05-Dec-2017 – 31-Dec-2017.

We have had to take a slightly different approach to extracting the data from CONNECT as the data is not recorded in the same format as the legacy system CMS(ii).

SYP have changed their central crime management system in December 2017. Therefore data from the new system cannot be used as a direct comparison due to the different ways in which crimes are recorded. However, the data has been given to comply with original request and displayed here to show an outline trend.