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Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20180118

REQUEST

- 1. How many cases of stalking were recorded by your police force**
 - 1. 1st January 2016 – 31st December 2016**
 - 2. 1st January 2017 – 31st December 2017**

- 2. Of these cases, how many of the named suspects had previously been named in reports of stalking against:?**
 - a. The same victim?**
 - a. Multiple victims**

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 4th December 2017) and our new CONNECT system which records crimes from this date onwards.

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:

Included is a count of offences recorded under the Home Office Offence class 8Q – Stalking where the offence was recorded between 01-Jan-2016 and 31-Dec-2017 – Rebecca has amalgamated the results for both CMS(ii) and CONNECT as the process in recording an offence title alone is the same in both systems.

Of the above offence count, if an offender was recorded within the dataset for 01-Jan-2016 and 31-Dec-2017 and the same offender was also identified as being recorded on previous offences of under 8Q, which were recorded prior to January 2016, then we have manually checked to see if the victim is the same. Please note – we have only looked for repeat offenders in data recorded prior to January 2016 and not for repeat offending between dates 01-Jan-2016 and 31-Dec-2017.

3 offenders were recorded with the same victim.

We have only been able to establish this, if the full details of the offender have been recorded.

Stalking - The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 created two new offences of stalking by inserting new sections 2A and 4A into the PHA 1997. The new offences which came into force on 25 November 2012.