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**Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20190184**

**REQUEST**

In relation to the years, 2016, 2017, and 2018 I require the following information.

How many arrests under Section 76 of the Serious Crime Act 2015 (Coercive or controlling behaviour in an intimate or family behaviour) were made by officers from South Yorkshire Police?

The outcomes (charged, released etc) to all the arrests identified above.

A breakdown of the ages and genders of all arrested persons identified above.

The number of referrals to the CPS by South Yorkshire Police for a prosecution under section 76 of the Serious Crime Act 2015 that were rejected or not taken forward by the CPS.

**RESPONSE**

Unfortunately, we are presently unable to extract arrest data from 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017 onwards due to a technical issue transferring to a new system.

I therefore approached our Crime Management Data Returns Officer for assistance with your request. The CMS system and Connect System is used to record complaints or allegations of those matters, which the Home Office specify should be recorded as 'crimes'.

She conducted a search of the 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 that date onwards)

She provided me with the enclosed spreadsheet in response and the following explanation regarding her search criteria:

**CMS Data**

*I have provided a count of the offence ENGAGE IN CONTROLLING/ COERCIVE BEHAVIOUR IN AN INTIMATE/FAMILY RELATIONSHIP, where the offence was recorded on the CMS(ii) crime register for the offence between 01-Jan-2016 and 04-Dec-2017. Of the offence count, I have provided a breakdown of the offender's outcome and the gender and age of the offender at the time of offence.*

*Please note – some offences may be recorded with more than offender.*

**CONNECT Data**

*I have provided a count of the offence ENGAGE IN CONTROLLING/ COERCIVE BEHAVIOUR IN AN INTIMATE/FAMILY RELATIONSHIP, where the offence was recorded for CONNECT crime between 05-Dec-2017 and 31-Dec-2018. Of the offence count, I have provided a breakdown of the offence outcome.*

*Please note - I have not been able to provide data regarding offenders in CONNECT due to the ongoing issues. PMU has taken the decision that we are unable to provide data regarding suspects i.e. outcomes, ages, gender etc. due to data quality and accuracy issues and because the query would be based on the offender's outcome, I cannot currently fulfil this request for CONNECT, however I provided the offence outcome.*