

5th April 2019

Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20190105

REQUEST

1)

- a) *The number of rapes committed in schools under your jurisdiction*
- b) *How many of these were committed by an under-16 on an under-16 (i.e. pupil on pupil)*
- c) *How many of these were committed by an over-16 on an under-16 (i.e. adult on pupil)*

I request this information for the years 2013 to 2018 inclusive, broken down by year, and any up-to-date records for 2019 thus far.

2)

- a) *The number of sexual assaults committed in schools under your jurisdiction*
- b) *How many of these were committed by an under-16 on an under-16 (i.e. pupil on pupil)*
- c) *How many of these were committed by an over-16 on an under-16 (i.e. adult on pupil)*

I request this information for the years 2013 to 2018 inclusive, broken down by year, and any up-to-date records for 2019 thus far.

3)

- a) *The number of attempted rapes committed in schools under your jurisdiction*
- b) *How many of these were committed by an under-16 on an under-16*
- c) *How many of these were committed by an over-16 on an under-16*

I request this information for the years 2013 to 2018 inclusive, broken down by year, and any up-to-date records for 2019 thus far.

CLARIFICATION

South Yorkshire Police has received a number of similar requests to yours in the past.

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/accessing-information/request-information-under-the-freedom-of-information-act/sexual-offences-in-schools-ref-20182165/>

FROM THE REQUESTER

I would like to proceed with my original request as below.

RESPONSE

I approached our Crime Management Data Returns Administrator 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)

For FOI requests such as this, we access the two separate systems and the retrieval and data extraction varies greatly dependant on the search capabilities and the inputted data. The information you receive therefore may be in two different formats depending on your time parameters, and the data we can provide which will be dependent on the search capabilities of each system. All our systems are designed and used first and foremost for Policing Purposes and have limited search capability.

She provided me with the enclosed spreadsheet and the following explanation of her search criteria:

Please see the attached and the below explanation.

CMS(II) DATA –

I have included a count of offences recorded under the Home Office Offence class Rape and Sexual Assault, recorded on the CMS(ii) Crime register between 01-Jan-2013 and 04-Dec-2017 where the crime scene premises type is NURSERY SCHOOL / PRE-SCHOOL OR SCHOOL / COLLEGE.

Of the offence count, I have provided a count of offences, if the victim was under the age of 16 at the time the offence was recorded.

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Of the count of victims, I have provided a count of offences where the offender was under the age of 16 at the time of offence.

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Of the count of victims, I have provided a count of offences where the offender was aged 16 or over at the time of offence.

CONNECT -

I have included a count of offences recorded under the Home Office Offence class Rape and Sexual Assault, recorded for CONNECT Crime between 04-Dec-2017 and 28-Feb-2019 where the MO DESC 1 is Location & MO DESC 3 is SCHOOL or NURSERY or the Premises type is SCHOOL or CHILDRENS NURSERY.

Of the offence count, I have provided a count of offences, if the victim was under the age of 16 at the time the offence was recorded.

I have not been able to provide data regarding offenders in CONNECT due to the ongoing issues. As previously stated, PMU has taken the decision that we are unable to provide data regarding suspects i.e. outcomes, ages, ethnicity etc. due to data quality and accuracy issues, therefore I cannot currently fulfil this part of the request for CONNECT.

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.