

7th December 2017

Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20171848

REQUEST

In accordance with the freedom of information act, please could you provide me with the following information:

Q1. The number of people who failed a breathalyser test at the roadside/caught drink driving broken down by month, so far in 2017, 2016 and 2015 in your force area.

Q2. The number of people who failed a breathalyser test at the roadside/caught drink driving broken down by age and gender of the offender, so far in 2017, 2016 and 2015, in your force area.

Q3. The three dates of the year that most people were caught drink driving in 2015, 2016 and so far in 2017, and the number of incidents recorded on that date (e.g. 1st April 2016 = 21 incidents recorded) in your force area.

Q4. The top three highest breathalyser readings recorded in your force area in 2016 and 2017 to date.

If limited by time constraints, please answer the questions in order of priority e.g. Q1, Q2, Q3. Etc.

RESPONSE

I approached our Crime Management System (CMS), Custody Handling System (CHS) Administrators and the Roads Policing Unit for assistance with your request. They were able to provide me with data from which the attached spreadsheet has been compiled.

The following points should be noted:

- Q1, 2 & 4
- this information is collected from the roadside units, any person failing this machine will be taken to custody and further tested there and data collected.
- the roadside reading information in regards to age/gender may not be accurate due to inputting errors, a failure of a roadside test leads to a person attending a police station for further readings and data collection.

- for Q3 I have provided actual arrest stats from our Custody Handling System which records arrest data from the Custody

CMS advised:

The data provided is of breath tests conducted using lion alcolmeter 500B devices by South Yorkshire Police between 01-JAN-2015 AND 31-OCT-2017.

The figures are taken from devices that are currently downloaded, the numbers are expected to increase in the coming months as more devices are downloaded, which could affect the totals provided today.

CHS advised for Q3:

Each date has a total count of arrests made for drink driving offences.