

10th June 2019

Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20191128

REQUEST

The number of hate crimes recorded by your force, by local authority or community safety partnership, for each of the following calendar years: 2018 2017 2016

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 on the CMS(II) Crime Register between dates 01-Jan-2016 and 05-Dec-2017, where the offence was recorded with a Hate Aggravating Factor. Of this count, I have also included a breakdown by Hate Aggravating Factor. Please note – we expect a count of aggravating factors to exceed a count of offences as more than one can be recorded on any offence.

CONNECT Data -

I have included a count of offences recorded on CONNECT for Crime between dates 04-Dec-2017 and 31-Dec-2018, where the offence was recorded with a Hate Indicator. Of this count, I have also included a breakdown by Hate Indicator. Please note – we expect a count of Hate Indicators to exceed a count of offences as more than one can be recorded on any offence.