

4th June 2019

Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20191068

REQUEST

Under the freedom of information act 2000, I request the following information:

The number of football-related arrests for racist chanting at Keepmoat Football Stadium in Doncaster between the 7th of August 2014 and the 25th of April 2019.

This information should be made available to me in electronic form if possible.

FURTHER REQUEST

- 1. The number of football-related arrests for racist chanting at Keepmoat Football Stadium in Doncaster between the 7th of August 2014 and the 25th of April 2019.*
- 2. The number of recorded racist incidents at Oakwell Football Stadium between the 7th of August 2014 and the 25th of April 2019.*
- 3. The number of recorded racist incidents at The New York Football Stadium between the 7th of August 2014 and the 25th of April 2019.*
- 4. The number of recorded racist incidents at Bramall Lane Football Stadium between the 7th of August 2014 and the 25th of April 2019.*
- 5. The number of recorded racist incidents at Hillsborough Football Stadium in Sheffield between the 7th of August 2014 and the 25th of April 2019.*

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'. This is more suitable for the request, as the system that records arrests only records by the Arrest Title and not the circumstances ie at a football match.

The Administrator 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 find attached completed FOI.

CMS(II) Data–

I have included a count of offences recorded on the CMS(II) Crime Register between committed date 07-Aug-2014 and 05-Dec-2017, where the offence was recorded with a 'RACIAL' Hate Aggravating Factor and the Premises Type is either 'FOOTBALL STADIUM, SPORTS CENTRE / STADIUM OR SPORTS GROUND' broken down by specified football stadiums relevant to the request and HO Description.

CONNECT Data-

I have included a count of offences recorded on the CONNECT Crime between committed date 04-Dec-2017 and 07-Aug-2019, where the offence was recorded with a 'RACIAL' Hate Indicator and the MO Description 3 is either 'FOOTBALL OR SPORT FOOTBALL', broken down by specified football stadiums relevant to the request and HO Description.