

9th April 2019

Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20190665

REQUEST

Can you please provide me with the following information from April 2017 up to the most recently available data:

- 1. The number of suspects released under police investigation for: all crimes; violent offences; sexual offences; rape; murder; manslaughter; a domestic abuse crime (any offence with a DV tag).***
- 2. The number of suspects in each category above that went on to be arrested for a further offence.***
- 3. The nature of those further suspected offences (including whether it was a violent offence, sexual offence; rape; murder; manslaughter; or a domestic abuse crime).***

CLARIFICATION

It is possible to answer Q1 of your request, but to answer Q2 and then 3, would trigger Section 12 – Appropriate Limit exemption. We would have to cross reference with all further arrests within force to see if they linked to a released under investigation record. This would amount to many 1000's.

I have included a link in this clarification which is similar to your request.

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/accessing-information/request-information-under-the-freedom-of-information-act/released-under-investigation-ref-20181184/>

FROM THE REQUESTER

Yes it would be great if you could just answer what you can then without triggering Q1 – which in this case seems to be Q1 only.

RESPONSE

I approached our IT department to assist with the “ Released Under Investigation” element of your request.

On 5th December 2017 South Yorkshire Police implemented a new recording system called Connect which replaces our Custody Handling System (CHS) . Arrest data prior to 5th December 2017 is held on our legacy system (CHS) and latest arrest data is held on our new CONNECT system. The Administrator has conducted a search of the legacy system and provided the data from which the below figures have been compiled.

Unfortunately, we are unable to retrieve arrest data from the Connect system from 6th December on wards due to search capabilities and technical issues but I have provided the data up to 5th December. We are working to try and resolve this situation as swiftly as possible.

Please find attached a spreadsheet with the data you requested. From April 2017 to December 2017.

Due to the low numbers involved in this request the information has been provided in table format, alphabetical and ascending order to anonymise it and make it suitable for release into the public domain. Disclosure of information on a 'line by line' basis may make it possible to identify individuals from that data, and/or other information in the possession of a data controller.