

17th October 2019

Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20191985

REQUEST

This request concerns details of attacks on police officers.

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Please state the number on assaults on police officers of your force recorded in each of the following calendar years:

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| i) | 2014 |
| ii) | 2015 |
| iii) | 2016 |
| iv) | 2017 |
| v) | 2018 |
| vi) | 2019 to 05.09.19 |

Response

I approached our Crime Management Data Returns Officer 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)

She provided me with the enclosed spreadsheet in response and the following explanation regarding her search criteria:

CMS(ii) Data –

I have provided a count of the specified offences recorded on CMS(ii) Crime Register between 01-Jan-2014 and 04-Dec-2017 where the victims occupation is recorded is within OCCUPATION GROUP 'HOME OFFICE POLICE FORCE' & 'NON HOME OFFICE POLICE FORCE'. Of the offence count, I have included a breakdown of the offence outcome.

CONNECT Data –

I have provided a count of the specified offences recorded for CONNECT Crime between 05-Dec-2017 and 31-Aug-2019 where the victims occupation is OCCUPATION LEVEL 2 = POLICE SERVICE. Of the offence count, I have included a breakdown of the offence outcome.

Please note –

- *For both data sets we are unable to determine if the officer was in execution of duty at the time of the offence. (On or off duty).*
- *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.

- *Within CMS(ii) we can break down the data further to Occupation sub group i.e. rank however this is not an option within CONNECT.*
- *In addition, the outcomes CHARGED, SUMMONS and CAUTIONS changed in 2017 and we now specifically record for what offence, the offender was charged i.e. CHARGED is now recorded as either CHARGED WITH OFFENCE RECORDED Or CHARGED WITH AN ALTERNATIVE OFFENCE, therefore the outcomes are applicable depending on the year recorded the offence was recorded.*