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Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20193667

REQUEST

I'm doing some research into close-pass cycling incidents. Can you provide the following information please, from 1 Jan 2019 up until 31 Dec 2019.

- 1. How many 'close pass' cycling incidents have been reported to this force in 2019?*
- 2. Of those incidents in point 1 how many have resulted in the driver of the vehicle being prosecuted for a close pass?*
- 3. Of those incidents in point 1 how many went to court with an unsuccessful prosecution for a close pass?*
- 4. Of those incidents in point 1 that didn't receive a prosecution, how many were because there were no independent witnesses?*
- 5. Of those incidents in point 1 how many were dismissed as 'acceptable pass'?*

RESPONSE

I approached the Crime Management Data Returns Administrator for assistance with your request. The Connect System is used to record complaints or allegations of those matters, which the Home Office specify should be recorded as 'crimes'. Outcomes of Offences can also be retrieved from this system. e.g. NFA/Charged etc

All our systems are designed and used first and foremost for Policing Purposes and have limited search capability.

She provided the following explanation of her search criteria:

I have searched for offences recorded under the Home Office offence group 'Death or Serious Injury caused by Unlawful Driving' or the offence class 'Dangerous Driving', where the offence was recorded for CONNECT Crime between 01-Jan-2019 and 31-Dec-2019 and the Initial Mo mentions the following –

*CYCLIST
CYCLE
CYCLING
CLOSE PASS*

2 offences were returned and the record level data is attached. Both offences need to be reviewed to identify if the circumstances are relevant to the request.

I have checked both Offences and they do not fit the criteria of your request.

To give you some deta for your research I also contacted the Administrators of Incident Management System Smart. This system records the majority of calls to South Yorkshire Police requiring the specific deployment of police resources, whether reported by members of the public via 999 or 101 or 'happened upon' by officers and staff in the course of their duties. A member of the public may well call with details of a matter which they feel we should be aware of, this may firstly be recorded as an incident and only after further investigation does it result in a recorded 'crime'.

Not all incidents will therefore result in a recorded crime.

As there is no generic incident title that meets the criteria of your request, our administrator has searched by keywords within the incident log, for the time period specified. They have provided the following explanation of their search:

I have searched the text on all incidents for close pass and cycling and no results come back.

Therefore our response to your request is one of “ No Information Held”