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Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20192133

REQUEST

1: The total number of cyberstalking incidents recorded per calendar year from 2014 – 2019. Please provide an annual breakdown. For 2019, where possible please provide information until the end of September.

2: Where possible, provide detail on each recorded incident (e.g harassment, stalking, stalking involving serious alarm/distress). Please provide annual breakdown as per Q1

3: The number of cyberstalking incidents in which the perpetrator(s) is identified, per calendar year from 2014 – 2019. Please provide annual breakdown as per Q1

4: The number of individuals that have reported cyberstalking offences to your police force, per calendar year from 2014 – 2019. Please provide annual breakdown as per Q1

5: Please provide details relating to the outcome of the perpetrator referenced in Q3 (e.g charge, caution, fixed penalty, resolution). This information should be broken down per calendar year from 2014-Sept 2019 as per Q1.

6: The number of cyberstalking cases that have reached court per calendar year from 2014 – 2019. Please provide annual breakdown as per Q1

7: The number of cyberstalking cases that resulted in a guilty verdict per calendar year from 2014 – 2019. Please provide annual breakdown as per Q1

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:

*There is no generic marker within CMS(ii) or CONNECT for '**cyberstalking**', therefore we have included the online flag to give an indication of offences recorded in accordance with the Home Office Definition of online enabled crime.*

CMS(II) Data –

I've provided a count of offences as specified below recorded on CMS(ii) 01 crime register, where the online crime flag = yes, broken by HO Description and offence outcome.

8L – HARASSMENT

8M – RACIALLY OR RELIGIOUSLY AGGRAVATED HARASSMENT

8Q – STALKING

Recorded between Statistics date 01-JAN-2014 and 04-DEC-2017.

CONNECT Data –

I've provided a count of offences as specified below recorded on CONNECT Crime, where the online crime flag = yes, broken by HO Description and offence outcome.

8L – HARASSMENT

8M – RACIALLY OR RELIGIOUSLY AGGRAVATED HARASSMENT

8Q – STALKING

Recorded between Incident Created date 05-DEC-2014 and 31-SEP-2019.

Question 7

We are unable to provide you with details in relation to court outcomes. This information may be available from the Ministry of Justice.