

8th February 2020

**Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20200329**

**REQUEST**

- The number of rapes reported to South Yorkshire Police in the years 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019.

- Within those years, the number of reported rapes which resulted in charges.

I would like both requests for information broken down into annual datasets for each year please.

**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'.

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)

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 and below explanation.*

*CMS(ii) Data –*

*I have provided a count of all Rape offences (including attempt rapes), recorded on CMS(ii) 01 Crime Register between Statistics Date 01-JAN-2016 AND 04-DEC, broken down by Calendar Year and the Offence Outcome.*

*CONNECT Data -*

*I have provided a count of all Rape offences (including attempt rapes), recorded on CONNECT Crime between Incident Created Date 05-DEC-2017 and 31-DEC-2019, broken down by Calendar Year and the Offence Outcome.*

*Please note - 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.*

