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Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20180472

REQUEST

- 1. For the full year of 2017 (01/01/2017 - 31/12/2017) in total how many incidents and crimes did your police force record of:
a)"honour" based violence?
b) forced marriage?
c) female genital mutilation?**
- 2. If your police force records any of/ all of a)-c) together, for the full year of 2017 (01/01/2017 - 31/12/2017) in total how many incidents and crimes of "honour" based violence, forced marriage and female genital mutilation combined did your police force record?**
- 3. For the full year of 2017 (01/01/2017 - 31/12/2017) in how many cases were criminal charges pressed which involved:
a)"honour" based violence?
b) forced marriage?
c) female genital mutilation?**
- 4. If your police force records any of/ all of a)-c) together, for the full year of 2017 (01/01/2017 - 31/12/2017) in how many cases of "honour" based violence, forced marriage and female genital mutilation were criminal charges pressed?**
- 5. For the full year of 2017 (01/01/2017 - 31/12/2017) how many cases resulted in convictions involving:
a)"honour" based violence?
b) forced marriage?
c) female genital mutilation?**
- 6.If your police force records any of/ all of a)-c) together, for the full year of 2017 (01/01/2017 - 31/12/2017) in how many cases involving "honour" based violence, forced marriage and female genital mutilation were there convictions?**
- 7. For the full year of 2017 (01/01/2017 - 31/12/2017) how many murder cases involving "honour" based violence did your police force record?**

RESPONSE

Crimes and Incidents are recorded separately within South Yorkshire Police.

I firstly approached the administrator for the Incident Management System. This system records the majority of matters reported by members of the public or 'happened upon' by officers and staff in the course of their duties.

The Incident Management System Administrator was able to supply me with the following figures.

It is important to note that there are no generic titles on this system that meet the criteria of your request so the results below are based on a **free text search** within the body of the incidents for the phrases “honour based violence”, “forced marriage” and “female genital mutilation”. The figure below is therefore the number of incidents which **mention** these exact phrases only. Without manually reviewing each incident (which reads like a running diary of events running into several pages in length) it is not possible to ascertain whether these incident actually relate in content to these subject areas.

Incident Management System

Figures for 2017 as follows:

‘honour based violence’ = 416

‘forced marriage’ = 711

‘female genital mutilation’ = 12

I approached our Crime Management Systems Analyst for assistance with the requested recorded crimes. She conducted a search of our 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 this date onwards. Due to difficulties with the way in which the data is extracted, data from our new CONNECT system is currently presented separately.

Each of these systems record complaints or allegations of those matters which the Home Office specify should be recorded as ‘crimes’ and using the criteria above our Crime Analyst has provided the enclosed data and the following explanation.

Please note, whilst we are unable to provide ‘conviction’ data (this information may be available from the MoJ), we can provide where recorded the offence outcome.

Honour Based Violence

I have included a count of offences recorded on the CMS(ii) crime register where the offence was recorded with the MO MOTIVE - HONOUR BASED VIOLENCE / KILLING where the offence was recorded on CMS(ii) between 01-Jan-2017 and 04-Dec-2017, broken down by offence outcome.

FGM

I have included a count of the below offences recorded on the CMS(ii) crime register between 01-Jan-2017 and 04-Dec-2017, broken down by offence outcome.

- FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION ACT 2003 - EXCISE, INFIBULATE, AID, ABET, COUNSEL
- FAIL TO PROTECT GIRL FROM RISK OF GENITAL MUTILATION (nil return)

Forced Marriage

I have included a count of the below offence recorded on the CMS(ii) crime register between 01-Jan-2017 and 04-Dec-2017, broken down by offence outcome.

FORCED MARRIAGE OFFENCES

No data was returned from CONNECT for the date period 05-Dec-2017 and 31-Dec-2017 for FGM and FORCED MARRIAGE OFFENCES

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by following the advice contained in the separate notice enclosed with this correspondence:

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire, SK9 5AF.
Telephone: 08456 306060 or 01625 545745
Website: www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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Please note that police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide information and statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons this forces response to your questions should not be used for the comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.

South Yorkshire Police provides you the right to request a re-examination of your case under its review procedure (copy enclosed). If you decide to request such a review and having followed the Constabulary's full process you are still dissatisfied, then you have the right to direct your comments to the Information Commissioner who will give it consideration.

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Appeal Process for Freedom of Information

Using this process will not affect your right to appeal directly to the Information Commissioner. However, it will usually be quicker if matters can be resolved locally using this process.

Who can appeal?

Anyone who has requested information from the Force in writing can appeal within 20 working days from the date of the response provided. If you have requested information and you are not satisfied with the way we have dealt with your request, you can use the appeal process to have it looked at again. If someone who requested information would like to appeal but cannot do so themselves you can appeal on their behalf, but it will help us if you make it clear that you are doing so.

What can I appeal about?

You can appeal about the range, amount and format of information we have sent following a request. You can also appeal about the way a request was handled – for example, the time it took to respond, or the way letters were worded.

How do I appeal?

You can appeal by writing, emailing or faxing your appeal/complaint to the address below. To deal with your appeal as quickly as possible, it will help if you can give us as much information as you can about the request made, such as the reference number, and the reason for your appeal/ complaint.

What happens to my appeal?

Once we have enough details to identify the request you are concerned about, a qualified person, other than the initial decision maker, will deal with the internal review.

How long does it take?

Whatever their conclusion, you will be informed of the result as soon as possible, and in any case within 20 days of submitting your appeal.

If you are still not satisfied, you may then appeal to the Information Commissioner.

Appeal Address

**Information Compliance Unit South Yorkshire Police Professional Standards
Department Unit 20 Sheffield 35A Business Park Churchill Way Sheffield S35 2PY**

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