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Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20200917

REQUEST

For the calendar years 2018 and 2019 and the period 1st January 2020 to 23rd March 2020, please could tell me:

- 1) The number of race hate crimes recorded against Chinese victims***
- 2) If it is within the time/cost limit set out by the FOI Act, a brief description of each crime listed in your answer to question 1***

RESPONSE

I approached our 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'.

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:

CONNECT Data -

I have included a count of offences recorded for CONNECT Crime between 01-Jan-2018 and 23-Mar-2020, recorded with the Hate Indicator – Racial and where the victim's Ethnic Appearance is Chinese, Japanese or South East Asian.

I cannot break this down further to 'Chinese' because of how the information is recorded.

Ethnic Appearance is not a mandated requirement within CONNECT, therefore this data may not accurately reflect what is potentially recorded.

Please note - Some offences maybe recorded with more than one Hate Indicator.