

7th April 2021

Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20210661

REQUEST

In the 2020 calendar year how many juveniles (children aged 10-17 inclusive) did you arrest who had already been arrested at least 49 previous times by your force in their past?

For each individual please state

(i) the total number of times they have been arrested by your force,

(ii) their age when first arrested,

iii) their age when last arrested and (iv) a breakdown of the offences for which they were arrested.

RESPONSE

We have answered previous requests on this subject data and to locate and extract the data to answer these questions would trigger the 18hr rule allowed by the FOI Act. Our response on 7th April 2020 to your request last year outlined the issues of retrieving this.

For fullness I recontacted our Custody Performance & Governance Unit to check if there is any change to that response. Unfortunately the Administrator confirmed his answer still stands and there is no change to the retrieval process at this time.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires South Yorkshire Police, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt), to provide you the applicant with a notice which:

- a.states that fact,
- b.specifies the exemption in question and
- c.states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The following exemption applies to the disclosure of the information:

Section 21 'Information which is reasonably accessible by other means'.

The information and explanation of the search criteria is available on the South Yorkshire Police website using the following link:

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/accessing-information/request-information-under-the-freedom-of-information-act/multiple-arrest-ref-20200938/>