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Our Ref: FOI2018/06845

Dear Requestor

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/06845

I write in connection with your request for information received on 27th November. I note you seek access to the following information:

I would like to receive information regarding outcomes assigned to domestic-abuse related offences recorded in the year ending March 2018 for your police force.

Specifically, I would like to know:

1 – The total number of domestic-abuse related offences recorded by the force in the year ending March 31, 2018 (2017-18)

2 – The outcome of domestic-abuse related offences in the year ending March 31, 2018 (2017-18), listed by type/group in these categories:

- Charged/summonsed - (outcome number 1)
- Out-of-court (formal and informal) - (outcome numbers 2, 3, 6, 7, 8)
- Evidential difficulties (suspect identified; victim supports action) – (outcome number 15)
- Evidential difficulties (victim does not support action) – (outcome numbers 14, 16)
- Investigation complete – no suspect identified (outcome 18)
- Other – (outcome numbers 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 20, 21)
- Offences not yet assigned an outcome

Please give the figures as a total number and a percentage. For example:

2017-2018 Total domestic abuse-related offences: 1,000 OUTCOME

Charged/summonsed: 150 (15%)

Out of court (formal and informal): 20 (2%) Evidential difficulties (suspect identified; victim supports action): 220 (22%) Evidential difficulties (victim does not support action): 480 (48%) Investigation complete – no suspect identified: 20 (2%) Other – 40 (4%) Offences not yet assigned an outcome 60 (6%)

Clarification - Don't worry about sending percentages in the FOI response, recorded figures will be fine.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (The Act) to handle all requests in a manner that is blind to the identity of the requestor. Any information released in response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore, in the public domain without caveat.

Response - Following enquiries within the Force please see our response below.

1) The total number of domestic-abuse related offences in the year ending March 31, 2018 (2017-18)	5561
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2) The outcome of domestic-abuse related offences in the year ending March 31, 2018 (2017-18), listed by type/group in these categories:		
Outcome	Code(s)	Crimes
Charged/summonsed	1	843
Out of court (formal and informal):	2, 3, 6, 7, 8	337
Evidential difficulties (suspect identified; victim supports action)	15	1117
Evidential difficulties (victim does not support action)	14, 16	2986
Investigation complete – no suspect identified	18	62
Other	4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13; 17, 20, 21	86
Offences not yet assigned an outcome		130
Total		5561

Please note - Bedfordshire Police implemented a new crime recording and case management system on 23rd May 2018. New processes associated with this system have led to some data quality issues, principally because of differences in the way that information is captured. The Force continues to implement improvement actions which we envisage will improve the quality of our data over time.

The numerical data presented in this response is an un-audited snapshot of un-published data sourced from "live" systems and is subject to the interpretation of the original request by the individual extracting the data.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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Bedfordshire Police provides you the right to request an independent review of this response under its review procedure. If you require such a review you must notify us within two months from the date of this letter. After lodging a complaint with Bedfordshire Police if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make an application to the Information Commissioner. For information on how to make a complaint please visit their website at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/> or contact them on 0303 123 1113.