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Our Ref: FOI2019/01458

Dear Requestor

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/01458

I write in connection with your request for information received on 4th March. I note you seek access to the following information:

1. Please list all the offences that have been dealt with by a caution in the last four years. Eg. Theft, Burglary, Rape.
2. Please provide the number of people given cautions for each of the offences listed in the last four years.
3. If possible please provide information of offenders who have received a caution more than once for the same crime.

By the last four years I mean 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018. Please provide the data in a table broken down into each calendar year. For the purposes of this FOI I am interested in cautions being given instead of a prison sentence.

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 conducted by Bedfordshire Police please see our response in the tables below: -

Adult Caution - 01/04/2015 to 28/02/2019				
Financial Year	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Crime Type				
Homicide				
Death/Injury by Unlawful Driving				
Violence with Injury	212	150	116	76
Violence without Injury	177	116	106	65
Stalking and Harassment	67	44	47	25
Rape			1	
Other Sexual Offences	8	4	9	11
Robbery		1		1
Burglary - Residential	3	3	1	5
Burglary - Other	2	3	1	1
Vehicle Offences	8	9	4	3

Theft from the Person	1	3	3	
Bicycle Theft	2	1	1	1
Shoplifting	99	85	38	46
Other Theft	48	48	49	21
Arson	2	2	1	1
Criminal Damage	147	93	75	51
Trafficking of Drugs	14	9	10	15
Possession of Drugs	183	170	163	122
Possession of Weapons	50	25	25	28
Public Order	72	59	52	44
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	39	21	27	19
Total	1134	846	729	535

Youth Caution - 01/04/2015 - 28/02/2019				
Financial Year	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Crime Type				
Homicide				
Death/Injury by Unlawful Driving				
Violence with Injury	18	14	6	4
Violence without Injury	9	7	4	1
Stalking and Harassment	2	1		1
Rape				
Other Sexual Offences	3	2	3	
Robbery	1	2	2	
Burglary - Residential			5	
Burglary - Other	1	1		
Vehicle Offences	3	2		
Theft from the Person				
Bicycle Theft				1
Shoplifting	2	3	2	1
Other Theft	1	2	1	
Arson	2		1	
Criminal Damage	14	7	6	7
Trafficking of Drugs	2			2
Possession of Drugs	12	14	16	4
Possession of Weapons	10	5	15	7
Public Order	4	2	1	
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	2		1	1
Total	86	62	63	29

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.