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Dear Requestor

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/01804

I write in connection with your request for information received on 15th March. I note you seek access to the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

- 1. How many people were arrested under Section 76 of the Serious Crime Act 2015 for 'Controlling or Coercive Behaviour in an Intimate or Family Relationship' in (please provide data for each full year respectively): 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018**
- 2. Please provide a breakdown of the official recorded crime outcomes of the arrests set out above in Q1 (charged, cautioned, no further action etc.), for each of the 4 years respectively: 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.**
- 3. Please can you provide the ages and gender of those charged or cautioned for the offences mentioned in Q1 for 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018**

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 in the tables below: -

Bedfordshire Police made a significant investment in a new ICT system, Athena, in May of this year which, when fully implemented, will help keep Bedfordshire safe, bring more offenders to justice and improve outcomes for victims. Updating our ICT was absolutely necessary to ensure Bedfordshire Police remains as effective and efficient as possible. The public should be reassured crime continues to be reported and investigated as normal but whilst colleagues become more comfortable and familiar with how Athena works Bedfordshire Police has some concerns around data quality for which reason some of the data provided concerning events recorded after 23 May, may include some inaccuracies. We apologise for the situation and are working to resolve it as soon as possible.

Please note we cannot provide data for 2015 as according to HO counting rules, Section 76 of the Serious Crime Act 2015 for 'Controlling or Coercive Behaviour in an Intimate or Family Relationship' as this offence did not come into effect till 29 December 2015

Recorded number of Arrests - Engage in controlling / coercive behaviour in an intimate / family relationship - DISPOSALS					
1st Jan 2016 - 22nd May 2018					
	2016	2017		2018	Grand Total
Disposal/Age	Male	Female	Male	Male	
Bailed To Police Station				1	1
Charged and Bailed To Court aged between 23 and 55	3		3		6

Charged and Detained For Court ages between 19 and 56	1		6	1	8
No Further Action ages between 17 and 71	11	2	24	9	46
Processed on behalf of another force	1				1
Released Under Investigation			2		2
Grand Total	16	2	35	11	64

Recorded Arrests - Coercive / Controlling behaviour 23rd May 2018 - 31st Dec 2018			
	2018		Grand Total
Most Serious Disposal/Age	Female	Male	
Bail to Police Station ages between 20 and 50	1	6	7
Charge		2	2
Refused Charge (NFA) ages between 20 and 55		7	7
Transferred to another force		1	1
Grand Total	1	16	17

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.