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Our Ref: FOI2019/02153

Dear Requestor

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/02153

I write in connection with your request for information received on 29th March. I note you seek access to the following information:

1) How many arrests have your police force made for the offences of a) supplying controlled drugs or b) possession with intent to supply controlled drugs in the last six calendar years (2013,2014,2015,2016,2017,2018)?

Please can say how old the person arrested was, their gender and the drugs alleged to have been involved. I am trying to establish the number of people under the age of 18 involved in drug sales.

To do this I need total number of arrests, so I can work out how big a proportion are younger. I do not require any other identifying information. If you cannot give details of the gender then please still provide details of age.

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 – Bedfordshire Police have conducted a search of their crime recording systems please see our response on the document attached and marked as **Annex A – FOI2019 02153**.

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.