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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/04495

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

The information I am requesting is to do with the categorisation of intimate partner violence reports within the LGBT community. The information I would like access to is:

- 1. How does your force currently record incidents of intimate partner violence?**
- 2. When recording IPV does your force categorise by relationship type such as same sex? If not, why not?**
- 3. Is relationship type flagged on any of the force systems for later identification during the investigation process?**

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, their crime recording systems and Performance Unit within the Force please see our response below: -

1. Bedfordshire Police use a DA (Domestic Abuse) marker and also have a KEYWORD 'Partner On Partner' and 'Relationship to victim' [Partner and Ex-Partner] search option.
2. Bedfordshire Police do not have a category to record relationship as 'same sex', however, the gender of victims and suspects are recorded.
3. The recording rules in relation to recording domestic violence are in the link below and published on the internet at www.gov.uk website, please see the link below: -

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/791106/count-flags-apr-2019.pdf

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.