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**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/04414**

I write in connection with your request for information received on 9th July. I note you seek access to the following information:

- The number of crimes where official logs included the words Tinder, Grindr, Match.com and eharmony in 2014 – 2019 (figures for each year respectively please).
- The number of sexual offences where official logs included the words Tinder, Grindr, Match.com and eharmony in 2014 – 2019 (figures for each year respectively please).

**Further Clarification / questions received from requestor -**

- The number of crimes where official logs included the words Tinder, Grindr, Match.com and eharmony in which the victim was under the age of 18 between 2014 – 2019.
- The number of crimes where official logs included the words Tinder, Grindr, Match.com and eharmony in which the victim was under the age of 16 between 2014 – 2019.
- The age of the youngest victim for the above offences between in 2014-2019.

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

Recorded Crime: Free Text search - Tinder/Grindr/Grinder/Match.com/eharmony 2014 - 2019							
Crime Group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Grand Total
Other Sexual Offences		2	2	6	2	2	14
Rape		3		2	3	4	12
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society			1				1
Other Theft		1	3	1	4	1	10
Violence without Injury			2	3	4	1	10
Domestic Incident	2		2	3	3		10
Stalking and Harassment					5	3	8
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>65</b>

Victim age	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Under 18 years</b>	1	1	5	1	3
<b>Under 16 years</b>	1	1	5	1	2

Bedfordshire Police made a significant investment in a new ICT system, Athena, in May 2018, 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 2018, may include some inaccuracies. We apologise for the situation and are working to resolve it as soon as possible.

The youngest victim was 14 years old.

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.