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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/04470

I write in connection with your request for information received on 12th July. I note you seek access to the following information:

I'm making a film for Inside Out North West about incidents of Air Rage on flights from UK Airports.

I wondered is it possible to get the statistics on the number of arrests/times police were called to London Luton Airport aircraft for these types of incidents over the last three years? I'm looking for times the incident was on the aircraft as opposed to the airport.

CLARIFICATION REQUEST - Unfortunately incidents, crimes and arrests that occur on an aircraft are not recorded in a way that allows us to identify whether the offence occurred at the airport or on the aircraft. This means, for example, we could not identify violent or sexual offences that occurred on an aircraft. There are also specific counting rules relating to how crimes which occur in the air are recorded:
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/801406/count-general-may-2019.pdf

There are specific offences which can only occur on an aircraft which we may be able to provide either arrest or crime data for :

094/12 Enter aircraft when drunk/be drunk in Aircraft

155/11 Air Navigation Order 2009 , Smoking in aircraft

155/16 Air Navigation Order 2009 , Acting in a disruptive manner

Please clarify if you wish to proceed and if so be specific with the Home Office offence codes.

CLARIFICATION REPLY - Thanks for getting back to me.

I'm looking for anti social behaviour and drinking so

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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 for the requested information within the Force please see our response below.

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 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.

H.O. Code 094/12, 94/15, 99/43 & 99/79; Recorded at Luton Airport between: 1.1.2016 and 22/5/2018

Arrested (Y/N) / YEAR / Outcome	Being Drunk On An Aircraft Or Entering An Aircraft Drunk	Enter Aircraft When Drunk / Be Drunk In Aircraft	State Based: Recklessly / Negligently Act In Manner Likely To Endanger Aircraft / Person In An Aircraft	A Person Shall Not Recklessly Or Negligently Act In A Manner Likely To Endanger An Aircraft Or Any Person Therein	Grand Total
Y	6	14	1		21
2016	6	1			7
Caution	2	1			3
Charge/Summons	3				3
Unsolved	1				1
2017		11	1		12
Caution		8			8
Charge/Summons		3	1		4
2018		2			2
Caution		2			2
N		2		5	7
2016				5	5
Unsolved				5	5
2017		2			2
Caution		2			2
Grand Total	6	16	1	5	28

H.O. Code 094/12 Recorded at Luton Airport between: 23.5.2018 and 30/6/2019	
Arrested / YEAR / Outcome	ENTER AIRCRAFT WHEN DRUNK / BE DRUNK IN AIRCRAFT
Y	12
2018	9
Caution	5
Charge / Summons	2
Penalty Notice	2
2019	3
Caution	3
Grand Total	12

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