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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/04514

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

1. How many disability hate crimes were recorded by your police force during the last financial year? (1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019)

Please break down the total 18/19 disability hate crime figure by type of offence, e.g. Assault XX, Arson XX

2. How many reported disability hate crimes resulted in a prosecution?

Please provide as figures (not a percentage) for the past three financial years

3. How many disability hate crimes over the past three financial years were committed by repeat offenders (of a previous disability hate crime)?

Please provide figures for each of the past three years

Please also provide, for comparison, the equivalent repeat offenders figures for the same three financial years showing hate crimes relating to: sexual orientation or gender identity; religion or faith; race hate crime strands

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 on the attached document marked as **Annex A – FOI2019 04514**.

Reply to Question 3 repeat offenders: -

Disability Hate Crime – 3

Sexual Orientation Hate Crime – 2

Transgender Hate Crime – 5

Racial Hate Crime – 6

Religious Hate Crime - 7

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.