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I write in connection with your request for information received on 20th July. I note you seek access to the following information:

Please answer all questions you are able to, and omit any you are unable to answer.

- 1) Does your force have an online system for reporting crime? If yes, when was the online system implemented?**
- 2) If you do have an online system for reporting crime, what categories of crime are the public able to report (please list the categories as they appear on the website)?**
- 3) Does each crime report submitted online directly generate a record of a crime? If not what are the steps to a crime record being created?**
- 4) Does each crime report submitted generate a call-back requirement for the force?**
- 5) How many crimes have been reported online in the three years 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2019 or for the period since the online reporting system was launched. (Please break down the number of crimes reported by calendar month)**

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.

Following enquiries within the Force please see our response below.

- 1) Bedfordshire Police's on-line reporting system was implemented in September 2017.
- 2) These are the categories Bedfordshire Police record online: -
 - Assault
 - Anti-social behaviour
 - Damage
 - Fraud
 - Harassment
 - Theft
- 3) If a member of the public submit information that is not a crime, a crime reference number is not generated. The informant would be advised that their information is not being recorded as it is not a crime. If applicable the member of public and or information would be forwarded to another department to review and deal.
- 4) A call back or e mail contact depends on the online submission and the informants preferred contact.
- 5) Please see the table below: -

	Number of On Line Crimes recorded
2017	
Sep	25
Oct	31
Nov	30
Dec	31
2018	
Jan	31
Feb	28
Mar	31
Apr	30
May	31
Jun	30
Jul	31
Aug	31
Sep	30
Oct	31
Nov	30
Dec	31
2019	
Jan	31
Feb	28
Mar	31
Apr	30
May	31
Jun	30
Jul	31
Aug	15
Grand Total	709

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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