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Our Ref: FOI2019/00264

Dear Requestor

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/00264

I write in connection with your request for information received on 11th January. I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1. In relation to the Child Sex Offender Disclosure Scheme, otherwise known as "Sarah's Law", how many requests has your force received asking if someone who has sufficient access to children has a sex offender's record in the 2018 calendar year?**
- 2. (i) In how many of these requests did the subject have a sex offender's record AND you disclosed the conviction to an interested party? (ii) Of these positive returns how many of the individuals registered sex offenders were.**
- 3. (i) In how many of these requests did the subject have a sex offender's record AND you did NOT disclose the conviction to an interested party? (ii) In how many of these cases was the subject a registered sex offender.**
- 4. Of the first ten cases from 1.3.2018 onwards where you disclosed an offender's record please state the main/primary offence that caused concern?**

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 within the Force please see our response below.

- 1) Bedfordshire Police has recorded 37 Sarah's Law applications, received in the 2018 calendar year.
- 2) a - 4 requests
b - 3 individuals
- 3) a - 5 requests
b - 1 case
- 4) From 01/03/2018 only 6 disclosures have been made.
 1. Indecent images
 2. Indecent assault
 3. Sexual harm prevention order
 4. Previous reports of sexual nature
 5. Allegations of sexual abuse and poor treatment.
 6. Rape allegation

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.