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Our Ref: FOI2019/00328

Dear Requestor

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/00328

I write in connection with your request for information received on 15th January. I note you seek access to the following information:

Online Hate crime against Transgender identity

This is a request made under the Freedom of Information Act. Please can you provide the following information:

•Hate crimes and incidents against transgender identity recorded. The total number and by offence type (violence against the person, sexual offences, robbery, arson, public order offences...or other classification available) per year, between January 2010 and December 2017.

Please provide this using a yearly breakdown (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017)

•Hate crimes and incidents against transgender identity recorded as having taken place online (cybercrime). For each, the total number and by offence type (violence against the person, sexual offences, robbery, arson, public order offences...or other classification available) per year, between January 2010 and December 2017.

Please provide this using a yearly breakdown (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017).

I acknowledge that recording crimes with an online flag is a recent recording mechanism.

Given the likelihood of such a small number of crimes being recorded, please can you search your crime records for any hate crimes against transgender identity that has an online element?

•The date since when the online crime flag is being used by this police force

•Please provide a breakdown of the hate crimes towards transgender identity, which occurred online between January 2010 and December 2017, on a case-by-case basis including: Victim's Age Victim's self-defined gender Identity Victim's self-defined ethnicity Offence Type Platforms Used: Social media Online Forums Comments sections of media articles Text messages Emails Others

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RESPONSE - Following enquiries within the Force please see our response below.

Hate Crime - TRANSGENDER 2010 to 2017 (VICTIM'S)							
Crime Group	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Grand Total
Criminal Damage	1	2					3
Public Order		1	2	1	1	2	7
Robbery					1		1
Theft from the Person						1	1
Violence with Injury				1	2		3
Violence without Injury			1	3	6	5	15
Non Crime	1	3	4	4	3	3	18
Grand Total	2	6	7	9	13	11	48
Hate Crime - TRANSGENDER 2010 to 2017 (VICTIM'S)							

ONLINE victims	2015	2016	2017	Grand Total
F				
W1 - WHITE BRITISH				
Facebook		1	2	3
Text message			1	1
Website			1	1
M				
W1 - WHITE BRITISH				
Facebook			1	1
Website	1			1
Grand Total	1	1	5	7

Hate Crime TRANSGENDER 2010 to 2017 (VICTIM's)							
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Grand Total
F	1	4	6	6	11	8	36
16		1	1				2
18				1			1
19						1	1
27					1		1
31						1	1
36	1						1
37						1	1
38		1					1
39			1				1
42						1	1
44						1	1
45			1				1
46				3			3
47					2		2
49		1				1	2
54			1	1			2
55			1				1
56				1	4		5
57					2		2
58					1		1
63		1					1
72					1		1
(blank)			1			1	2
41						1	1
M	1	2	1	3	2	3	12
15		1					1
18					1	1	2

21					1		1
27						1	1
38				1			1
39						1	1
45			1				1
49	1	1					2
53				1			1
55				1			1
Grand Total	2	6	7	9	13	11	48

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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.