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Our Ref: FOI2018/07041

Dear Requestor

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/07041

I write in connection with your request for information received on 6th December. I note you seek access to the following information:

I am writing to request data for the number of garden buildings (including sheds, log cabins, outbuildings and any other form of garden buildings) which have been reported as being broken into in your constituency over the past five years (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 to date) as well as what items were stolen from the garden buildings (if this information is available).

I request this data for the annual period of 2014 to 2018, alternatively if not available in this format, the most recent 5-year annual period will suffice.

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.

Response - Bedfordshire Police made a significant investment in a new ICT system, Athena, in May of this year which, 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, may include some inaccuracies. We apologise for the situation and are working to resolve it as soon as possible. Therefore the data has been provided on separate tables up to 22.5.18 and 23.5.18 thereafter.

Recorded Crimes Location Type 1st Jan 2014 - 22nd May 18						
Location Type	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Grand Total
Allotment/Allotment Building	39	31	35	57	6	168
Dwelling-Attached Outbldng-House Access			2			2
Dwelling-Attached Outbldng-No Hse Access	3	4	3	3	1	14
Dwelling-Boarding House	3	1	1	2	2	9
Dwelling-Free Standing Outbldng/Shed Etc	187	207	153	250	82	879
Dwelling-Garden/Yard	485	431	360	346	131	1753
Dwelling-Greenhouse	1		1	2	1	5

Grand Total	718	674	555	660	223	2830
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Recorded Crimes Burglary Residential-Non Dwelling 23rd May 2018 - 31st Dec 2018		
	2018	Grand Total
Count	576	576

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.