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Our Ref: FOI2018/07067

Dear Requestor

**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/07067**

I write in connection with your request for information received on 7th December. I note you seek access to the following information:

**I would like to know the following information under the Freedom of Information Act for every annual year from 2012 to date in 2018: Children: 1) How many Vietnamese children (under 18) were arrested by your force? 2) What were these Vietnamese children arrested for? (Please provide as much detail as possible, at the very least, please would you summarise the nature of the crime in a couple of words. For example: "drug related offences") 3) How many of these arrested Vietnamese children were identified as potential victims of trafficking by your force and then referred to the National Referral Mechanism? Adults: 4) How many Vietnamese adults were arrested by your force? 5) What were these Vietnamese adults arrested for? (Please provide as much detail as possible, at the very least, please would you summarise the nature of the crime in a couple of words. For example: "drugs-related offences") 6) How many of these arrested Vietnamese adults were identified as potential victims of trafficking by your force and then referred to the National Referral Mechanism? If you cannot answer all questions of this FOI, please prioritise questions 1, 3, 4 and 6. If you cannot provide the information for all the available dates, please provide as much information as possible within the dates you do have information for. If you cannot provide the information for all the above questions, please do answer what you can and provide as much information as possible. Please present the information clearly and simply, for example: 2016: 1)TOTAL VIETNAMESE CHILDREN ARRESTED? 2)WHAT WERE THEY ARRESTED FOR? Drugs offences (eg. cannabis cultivation). 3)HOW MANY OF THE ARRESTED VIETNAMESE CHILDREN REFERRED TO NRM?**

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 Policed have conducted a search of our crime recording systems and have collated the data for questions 1, 2, 4 and 5 on the attached document.

**Attachment** – Annex A FOI2018 07067

Questions 3 & 6 - Bedfordshire Police neither confirms nor denies that it holds information as the duty in Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply, by virtue of the following exemption:

Section 23(5) Information supplied by or concerning certain security bodies

The Section 23 exemption is a class based absolute exemption. This means that the legislators have identified that there would be harm in disclosure and there is no need to evidence this or carry out a public interest test.

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.