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Our Ref: FOI2018/07180

Dear Requestor

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/07180

I write in connection with your request for information received on 14th December. I note you seek access to the following information:

1. How many children have been held in prison cells/ custody suites at police stations in the last three years? Please provide their age and gender.

2. What is the age of the youngest child held in a prison cell/ custody suite and for how long for the last three years?

3. What is the longest time a child has been held in a prison cell/ custody suite and how old were they for each of the last three years?

Please provide each question with a breakdown for the last three years (2015, 2016, 2017).

I define a child as someone under the age of 18.

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 have responded to your questions with the following data as per the attachment.

Attachment – Annex A - FOI2018/07180

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