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Dear Requestor

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/07281

I write in connection with your request for information received on 20th December. I note you seek access to the following information:

Please release the following information: 1. How many investigations has your department carried out into offences committed abroad under Section 72 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 since the act was introduced? a. As per question one, in what country did the offence take place? 2. As per question one, how many investigations has your department referred to the Crown Prosecution Service? a. As per question two, in what country did the offence take place? 3. How many convictions has your department secured for offences committed abroad under Section 72 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003? a. As per question three, in what country did the offence take place?

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.

Bedfordshire Police are not able to identify reports under Section 72 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 in the period up to 23/5/2018. Bedfordshire Police installed a new crime recording system on 23/5/2018 as a result we have been able to identify 4 records since this date.

Any further information is exempt under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Section 40 – Personal information

The Section 40 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.

Bedfordshire Police do not hold conviction data.

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