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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/03611

I write in connection with your request for information received on 4th June. I note you seek access to the following information:

**Can you please provide the details of the number of Domestic Abuse victims reporting to your Police Authority broken down as follows:
 The period 1st January 2018 to 31st December 2018 by Gender**

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 conducted by Bedfordshire Police and their crime recording systems in the Force please see our response below: -

Recorded Crimes: Domestic Abuse 01.01.2018 - 22.05.2018 VICTIMS GENDER	
Victims Gender	2018
F	1644
M	538
U	3
(blank)	1
Grand Total	2186

Source data: Beds report CMS

Recorded Crimes: Domestic Abuse 23.05.2018 - 31.12.2018 VICTIMS GENDER	
Row Labels	2018
Female	3208
Male	924
Unknown	1
Unspecified	1
(blank)	276
Grand Total	4410

Source data: Beds report Athena

Bedfordshire Police made a significant investment in a new ICT system, Athena, in May 2018, 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 2018, may include some inaccuracies. We apologise for the situation and are working to resolve it as soon as possible.

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.