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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/03938

I write in connection with your request for information received on 17th June. I note you seek access to the following information:

How many children aged 10, 11 and 12 have been caught with knives in your force area?

Out of those, how many were arrested and charged?

How many children aged 10, 11 and 12 have used knives to commit violence and been arrested?

What were they arrested for?

How many were charged?

What were they charged with?

CLARIFICATION:

How many children aged 10, 11 and 12 have been caught with knives in your force area this year, in 2018, 2017 and 2016?

Out of those, how many were arrested and charged in the same years?

How many children aged 10, 11 and 12 have used knives to commit violence and been arrested this year, 2018, 2017 and 2016?

What were they arrested for?

How many were charged?

What were they charged with?

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, their Performance Unit and crime recording systems within the Force please see our response on the attached document marked as **Annex A – FOI2019 03938**.

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.