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Our Ref: FOI2019/00386

Dear Requestor

**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/00386**

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

**1. How many people were arrested under Section 76 of the Serious Crime Act 2015 for 'Controlling or Coercive Behaviour in an Intimate or Family Relationship' in (please provide data for each full year respectively):**

- 2015
- 2016
- 2017
- 2018

**2. Also, can you provide a breakdown of the official recorded crime outcomes of the arrests set out above in Q1 (charged, cautioned, no further action etc.), for each of the 4 years respectively: 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.**

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 made a significant investment in a new ICT system, Athena, in May of this year which, 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, may include some inaccuracies. We apologise for the situation and are working to resolve it as soon as possible. The data has been provided in separate tables up to 22.5.18 and 23.5.18 thereafter.

**Please note** - Data is not held for 2015 as this did not come into effect until 29.12.2015.

Recorded number of Arrests Engage in controlling / coercive behaviour in an intimate / family relationship DISPOSAL 1st Jan 2016 - 22nd May 2018				
Sum of cnt	Year			
Disposal	2016	2017	2018	Grand Total
Bailed To Police Station			1	1
Charged and Bailed To Court	3	3		6
Charged and Detained For Court	1	6	1	8

No Further Action	11	26	9	46
Processed on behalf of another force	1			1
Released Under Investigation		2		2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>64</b>

Recorded Arrests Coercive / Controlling behaviour_ 23rd May 2018 - 31st Dec 2018		
Count of Custody Reference	Year	
Row Labels	2018	Grand Total
Bail to Police Station	7	7
Charge	2	2
Refused Charge (NFA)	7	7
Transferred to another force	1	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>

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.