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Our Ref: FOI2019/01447

Dear Requestor

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/01447

I write in connection with your request for information received on 1st March. I note you seek access to the following information:

I'm emailing regarding an FOI request for which I believe you'll have the data available. Please provide me with:

A) The number religious hate crimes recorded by police in the past three financial years (2017/18, 2016/17, 2015/16), broken down by type of religion..

Perceived religion of the victim 2017/18 2016/17 2015/16
Buddhist
Christian
Hindu
Jewish
Muslim
Sikh
Other
No religion
Unknown

B) The outcome of the crime for Jewish hate crimes specifically - eg arrest, charge, warning, in the financial years 2017/18

Outcome of Jewish religious hate crimes 2017/18
Eg charged
Eg Evidential difficulties (victim does not support action)
ETC
ETC

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 of their crime management systems we can produce the data in the tables 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.

Recorded Religious Hate Crime 2015/16 - 2017/18

Victim Religion	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Grand Total
CHRISTIAN	3		1	4
HINDU			1	1
JEHOVAHS WIT-NESS		1		1
MUSLIM	6	9	16	31
ROMAN CATHOLIC			2	2
SIKH		2	1	3
SUNNI MUSLIM			1	1
UNKNOWN	10	11	21	42
(blank)	24	41	65	130
Grand Total	43	64	108	215

Recorded Crime - Religious Aggravating factor – Jewish 2017/18 Outcome		
Religion Aggravating Factor	2017/18	Grand Total
JEWISH	2	2
NAMED SUSPECT EVID - VICTIM DOES NOT SUPPORT POLICE ACTION	1	1
NO SUSPECT IDENTIFIED - INVESTIGATION COMPLETE	1	1
JEWISH,MUSLIM	1	1
UNSOLVED	1	1
Grand Total	3	3

One arrest for the above.

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.