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Dear Requestor

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/02110

I write in connection with your request for information received on 27th March. I note you seek access to the following information:

Between 1 January, 2014 and 31 December, 2018 – how many fatal stabbings has your force dealt with?

Can the data please be put in an Excel spreadsheet format and broken down by each month in each calendar year as well as by town/city/area as to where the fatal stabbing happened.

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: -

Recorded Knife Crime - Fatal Stabbings 01.01.2014 - 31.12.18							
	2014	2015	2016	2018	2018	2018	Grand Total
AREA	Jan	Feb	May	Mar	May	Sep	
BEDFORD	1	1				2	4
DUNSTABLE				1			1
LUTON			1	1	1		3
Grand Total	1	1	1	2	1	2	8

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.