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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/02602

I write in connection with your request for information received on 16th April. I note you seek access to the following information:

A) The number of crimes that police have recorded as taking place in a school or on school grounds, where the main offence was recorded as a student physically assaulting a teacher.

B) The number of crimes that police have recorded as taking place in a school or on school grounds, where the main offence was a student making a threat to kill a teacher.

Please provide me with figures for both requests A and B covering the periods:

- i) May 2014 - April 2015**
- ii) May 2015 - April 2016**
- iii) May 2016 - April 2017**
- iv) May 2017 - April 2018**
- v) May 2018 - present**

If you do not have data specifically for teachers, please provide data for all staff members.

If it is likely that my request will exceed time and cost limits, please focus on the years:

- iii) May 2016 - April 2017**
- iv) May 2017 - April 2018**
- v) May 2018 - present**

CLARIFICATION - Okay, in that case please provide a report of assaults where the location is a school.

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 the crime recording systems please see our response below and the attached document marked as **Annex A – FOI2019 02602**.

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.

Bedfordshire Police do not necessarily know if the assaults / threats to kill were committed by a student as this is not centrally or accurately recorded, this applies to both crime recording systems and as a result Bedfordshire Police are unable to provide sufficient data for the occupations due to way this has been recorded.

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.