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Our Ref: FOI2019/02773

Dear Requestor

**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/02773**

I write in connection with your request for information received on 25th April. I note you seek access to the following information:

**Stalking and its reporting**

**Over the last five years, (1) how many reported incidents of stalking have there been? Of those who reported this, (2) how many complaints were made by the same individuals? (3) Where any of these individuals fined for wasting police time? If so, how many?**

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 their crime recording systems please see our response below: -

1) As below table

<b>STALKING recorded crime between: 1.1.2014 to 31.12.2018</b>				
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>PURSUE COURSE OF CONDUCT IN BREACH OF SEC 1 (1) OF PFHA WHICH AMOUNTS TO STALKING</b>	<b>STALKING INVOLVING FEAR OF VIOLENCE (HARASSMENT ACT SECTION 4A)</b>	<b>STALKING INVOLVING SERIOUS ALARM/DISTRESS (HARASSMENT ACT SECTION 4A)</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
2014	33	17	35	85
2015	22	6	26	54
2016	23	7	26	56
2017	29	11	27	67
2018	41	16	17	25
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>336</b>

2) 6 victims recorded 2 incidents and 2 victims recorded 3 recorded 'stalking crime' incidents.

3) Bedfordshire Police do not hold prosecution data.

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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