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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/06539

I write in connection with your request for information received on 11th October. I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1) **How many individuals were Released Under Investigation (RUI) by your police force in total in each of the following calendar years:**
 - a. **2015**
 - b. **2016**
 - c. **2017**
 - d. **2018**
 - e. **2019 to date**
- 2) **For the answers to Q1a-e, please can you break down the RUI cases by the category of crime that is being investigated (eg violent offences, sexual offences, theft etc)?**
- 3) **How many individuals are currently released under investigation by your force – broken down by crime category (eg violent offences, sexual offences etc) for:**
 - a. **Over 6 months**
 - b. **Over 12 months**
 - c. **Over 25 months**
 - d. **Over 60 months**

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 within the Force please see our response on the document attached and marked as **Annex A – FOI2019 06539**.

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.

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.