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**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/06571**

I write in connection with your request for information received on 14th October. I note you seek access to the following information:

**(1) How many reports of sexual offences were made to your police force, broken down by the ethnicity of (i) the alleged victims, and (ii) the alleged perpetrators, in the financial years:**

- a. 2015-16
- b. 2016-17
- c. 2017-18
- d. 2018-19
- e. 2019-20 to date

**2) How many arrests for sexual offences were made by your officers, broken down by the ethnicity of (i) the alleged victims, and (ii) the alleged perpetrators in the financial years:**

- a. 2015-16
- b. 2016-17
- c. 2017-18
- d. 2018-19
- e. 2019-20 to date

**3) For the arrests identified in the answer to Q2a-e, please can you tell me what the outcome of the arrest was (e.g. charged, released on bail, released under investigation etc) with a breakdown by the ethnicity of the alleged victim.**

**CLARIFICATION REC'D: - for the following offences according to the home office clarifications.**

**17A Sexual assault on a male aged 13**

**Sexual assault on a male child under 13**

**19C Rape of a female aged 16 and over**

**19D Rape of a female child under 16**

**19E Rape of a female child under 13, Rape Offence Classification Index (2 of 3)**

**19F Rape of a male aged 16 and over**

**Rape 19G Rape of a male child under 16 –Rape,**

**19H Rape of a male child under 13,**

**19J Rape of a Female – Multiple Undefined Offenders ,**

**19K Rape of a Male - Multiple Undefined**

**20A Sexual assault on a female aged 13 and over**

**20B Sexual assault on a female child under 13.**

## **21 Sexual activity involving a child under 13**

## **22A Causing sexual activity without consent**

## **22B Sexual activity involving child under 16**

## **23 Incest or familial sexual offences**

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 within the Force please see our response on the document attached and marked as **Annex A – FOI2019 06571**.

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.

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.