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**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/06774**

I write in connection with your request for information received on 22nd October. I note you seek access to the following information:

**Could you provide details of the number of times officers have been called to deal with criminal incidents at schools over the past three years?**

**Could you please tell me the types of crimes recorded on school premises each year for the past three years?**

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 in the tables below: -

Recorded Crimes at School/College Date between: 01.01.2016 - 22.5.2018				
Crime Group	2016	2017	2018	Grand Total
<b>College</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>104</b>
Bicycle Theft	7	8	8	23
Burglary		4	2	6
Criminal Damage	2	2	1	5
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	2			2
Other Sexual Offences	1	3		4
Other Theft	8	3	4	15
Possession of Drugs	1	3	1	5
Possession of Weapons		2		2
Public Order	4	2		6
Rape		1		1
Theft from the Person			1	1
Vehicle Offences	1	2		3
Violence with Injury	4	5	3	12
Violence without Injury	7	7	5	19
<b>School</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>1215</b>
Arson	1	2		3
Bicycle Theft	23	36	16	75
Burglary	52	57	19	128

Criminal Damage	44	32	18	94
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	5	15	14	34
Other Sexual Offences	21	26	11	58
Other Theft	67	69	24	160
Possession of Drugs	12	7		19
Possession of Weapons	12	15	7	34
Public Order	31	40	23	94
Rape	1	3		4
Robbery		2		2
Theft from the Person	6	5	3	14
Trafficking of Drugs	1			1
Vehicle Offences	10	5		15
Violence with Injury	87	97	50	234
Violence without Injury	63	108	75	246
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>1319</b>

\*Source data: CMS / BedsReports

<b>Recorded Crimes at School/College</b>			
<b>Date between: 23.5.2018 - 31.10.2019</b>			
<b>Crime Group</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>College</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>111</b>
All Other Theft Offences	6	2	8
Bicycle Theft	9	16	25
Burglary - Business And Community	2	2	4
Burglary - Residential		1	1
Criminal Damage	4	1	5
Misc Crimes Against Society	2	4	6
Other Sexual Offences	3	2	5
Possession Of Drugs	2	1	3
Possession Of Weapons Offences		1	1
Public Order Offences	2	5	7
Vehicle Offences	2		2
Violence With Injury	11	13	24
Violence Without Injury	8	12	20
<b>Preparatory / First / Primary / Infant / Junior / Middle School</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>98</b>
All Other Theft Offences	2	5	7
Arson		1	1
Bicycle Theft	8	6	14
Burglary - Business And Community	9	3	12
Criminal Damage	2	4	6
Misc Crimes Against Society	1	1	2
Other Sexual Offences		2	2
Possession Of Drugs		1	1
Possession Of Weapons Offences		1	1
Public Order Offences	2	10	12
Robbery - Personal		1	1

Theft From The Person	1		1
Vehicle Offences		1	1
Violence With Injury	5	9	14
Violence Without Injury	7	16	23
<b>Secondary / High School</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>303</b>
All Other Theft Offences	7	11	18
Bicycle Theft	15	8	23
Burglary - Business And Community	6	7	13
Criminal Damage	11	5	16
Misc Crimes Against Society	21	11	32
Other Sexual Offences	5	13	18
Possession Of Drugs	1	1	2
Possession Of Weapons Offences	3	3	6
Public Order Offences	11	15	26
Robbery - Personal	2	4	6
Theft From The Person		2	2
Vehicle Offences	1	3	4
Violence With Injury	24	42	66
Violence Without Injury	34	37	71
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>512</b>

\*Source data: Athena / BedsReports

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 data provided has been linked to the location of a school however, this does not necessarily mean that the offence took place within the school or during school time.

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

#### Information Rights

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.