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Our Ref: FOI2019/07719

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/07719

I write in connection with your request for information received on 9th December. I note you seek access to the following information:

1. How many homophobic attacks have there been in 2017, 2018, and 2019?
2. What was the nature of the attack?
3. Where was the attack?
4. Was the person prosecuted?
5. Where any of the attacks on Drag Queens - men in drag.
6. Any information you have on Drag Queens and hate crimes/ attacks.

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 within the Force please see our response below.

1. 2017 – 5, 2018 – 9 and 2019 - 7
2. All were Section 47 ABH assaults
3. North – 7 and South – 14
4. 5 outcomes as follows: - 2 x charge / summons and 3 Community Resolutions.
5. Nil recorded.
6. Nil 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.

Bedfordshire Police can confirm that it holds additional information in relation to your request however, I am not obliged to supply the information you have requested. Such information is exempt under the following exemption: -

Section 40 (2) – Personal Information

The Section 40 exemption is a class based absolute exemption - This means that the legislators have identified that there would be harm in disclosure and there is no need to evidence this or carry out a public interest test.

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.