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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2020/00125

I write in connection with your request for information received on 6th January. I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1. In relation to the Child Sex Offender Disclosure Scheme, otherwise known as "Sarah's Law", how many requests has your force received asking if someone who has sufficient access to children has a sex offender's record in the 2019 calendar year?**
- 2. (i) In how many of these requests did the subject have a sex offender's record AND you disclosed the conviction to an interested party? (ii) Of these positive returns how many of the individuals were registered sex offenders.**
- 3. (i) In how many of these requests did the subject have a sex offender's record AND you did NOT disclose the conviction to an interested party? (ii) In how many of these cases was the subject a registered sex offender.**
- 4. Of the first ten cases from 1.3.2019 onwards where you disclosed an offender's record please state the main/primary offence that caused concern?**

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.

Following enquiries within the Force please see our response below.

1. 24 records
2. 9 Disclosed, 12 Non-Disclosure and 3 other.
3. Most of the Non-disclosures were because the applicant had already been informed. Where Non-Disclosure was recorded - 3 were not known on our systems as sex offenders, 4 were RSO's but this was already known to the applicants so not further disclosed. 1 of the non-disclosures related to where the Applicant withdrew from the process voluntarily.
4. There were only 7 Disclosed applications after 1st March in the year. Primary Offence types were Rape, Sexual Act with female, Indecent assault, Intercourse and sexual penetration of an older child and Make/Produce/Download Indecent Images,

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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