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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2020/00582

I write in connection with your request for information received on 24th January. I note you seek access to the following information:

How many hate crimes did your police force record as having been committed against people who identify as being LGTBQIA? (Note: Lesbian, Gay, Transgender, Bisexual, Queer, Intersex, Asexual)?

Please respond for each of the individual financial years –

- 1a) Starting in April 2014 and finishing at the end of March 2015
- 1b) Starting in April 2015 and finishing at the end of March 2016
- 1c) Starting in April 2016 and finishing at the end of March 2017
- 1d) Starting in April 2017 and finishing at the end of March 2018
- 1e) Starting in April 2018 and finishing at the end of March 2019.

2) Please can you supply figures for "Hate Crime" as recorded by your Police Force in each of the years as listed in "Request A" above.

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 tables below: -

CMS - Recorded Hate Crime/Incidents 01.04.2014 - 22.05.2018						
VICTIM SEXUAL ORIENTATION = BISEXUAL/HOMOSEXUAL						
Crime Incident	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	Grand Total
Crime	6	8	6	15	1	36
BISEXUAL	1					1
HOMOSEXUAL	5	8	6	15	1	35
Non Crime	3	3	5	4	1	16
HOMOSEXUAL	3	3	5	4	1	16
Grand Total	9	11	11	19	2	52

CMS - Recorded Hate Crime/Incidents 01.04.2014 - 22.05.2018						
Crime Incident	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	Grand Total
Crime	507	585	623	920	125	2760
Non Crime	259	214	277	288	41	1079
Grand Total	766	799	900	1208	166	3839

Athena - Recorded Hate Crime/Incidents 23.05.2018 - 31.03.2019	
VICTIM SEXUAL ORIENTATION = BISEXUAL/HOMOSEXUAL	
Crime Incident Victims Sexual Orientation	2018/2019
Crime	25
BISEXUAL	2
HOMOSEXUAL	23
Non Crime	2
HOMOSEXUAL	2
Grand Total	27

Recorded Hate Crime/Incidents 23.05.2018 - 31.03.2019	
Crime Incident	2018/2019
Crime	869
Non Crime	169
Grand Total	1038

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.