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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2020/00755

I write in connection with your request for information received on 29th January. I note you seek access to the following information:

I'm writing to you to request the following information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act:

The number of stalking incidents for each calendar year between and including 2009 to 2019. I would also like to obtain the data on the gender of the victims.

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: -

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.

Recorded Crime: Stalking 01.01.2009 - 22.05.2018							
VICTIMS GENDER/OFFENCE	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Grand Total
F	40	82	49	51	59	26	307
00865 STALKING	5	17	5	7	9	1	44
00866 STALKING	13	34	26	23	23	18	137
19512 STALKING	22	31	18	21	27	7	126
M	3	3	5	6	8	1	26
00865 STALKING			1		2		3
00866 STALKING		1		4	4	1	10
19512 STALKING	3	2	4	2	2		13
Grand Total	43	85	54	57	67	27	333

Source data: ibase/CMS Crime desk

Recorded Crime: Stalking 23.05.2018 - 31.12.2019			
VICTIMS GENDER/OFFENCE	2018	2019	Grand Total
Female	75	124	199
008/65 - Harassment - Stalking involving fear of violence	12	25	37
008/66 - Harassment - Stalking involving serious alarm/distress	28	67	95
195/12 - Attempted - Harassment - Pursue course of conduct in breach of Sec 1 (1) which amounts to stalking	1		1
195/12 - Harassment - Pursue course of conduct in breach of Sec 1 (1) which amounts to stalking	34	32	66
Male	7	18	25
008/65 - Harassment - Stalking involving fear of violence	3	8	11
008/66 - Harassment - Stalking involving serious alarm/distress	2	4	6
195/12 - Harassment - Pursue course of conduct in breach of Sec 1 (1) which amounts to stalking	2	6	8
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008/66 - Harassment - Stalking involving serious alarm/distress		1	1
195/12 - Harassment - Pursue course of conduct in breach of Sec 1 (1) which amounts to stalking		1	1
Grand Total	82	144	226

Source data: Athena Beds Report

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.