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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2020/00784

I write in connection with your request for information received on 30th January. I note you seek access to the following information:

Q1. How many arrests of children aged 17 years and under were made by your police force from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019?

Q2. Please break the figures down by age (e.g. 17 years old – 105 arrests; 16 years old – 110 arrests; 15 years old – 74 arrests etc.)

Q3. Please break the figures down by gender (e.g. Male – 402 arrests; Female – 161 arrests)

Q4. Please break the figures down by ethnicity (e.g. White – 450 arrests; Black - 355 arrests; Asian - 165 arrests; Other – 100 arrests; Unknown or unrecorded – 25 arrests)

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 custody recording systems within the Force please see our response in the table below: -

ARRESTS; Offender age 17yrs & under; Recorded date between: 1.1. - 31.12. 2019									
Gender / Age	Asian	Black	Chinese, Japanese or South East Asian	Middle Eastern	Unknown	White - North European	White - South European	(blank)	Grand Total
Female	6	15	1		1	59	5	2	89
12						1			1
13						3	1		4
14		2				6		1	9
15		5			1	14	2		22
16	3	4	1			23	1	1	33
17	3	4				12	1		20
Male	120	132		12	8	252	13	35	572
12		4				1		2	7
13	5	1				13		1	20
14	7	13			2	32	1	5	60
15	15	18		4	2	52	3	5	99
16	33	40		4	2	59	5	11	154
17	60	56		4	2	95	4	11	232
(blank)				1				1	2

15								1	1
16				1					1
Grand Total	126	147	1	13	9	311	18	38	663

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.