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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2020/01975

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

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

For the calendar years 2018 and 2019 and the period 1st January 2020 to 23rd March 2020, please could tell me:

- 1) The number of race hate crimes recorded against Chinese victims**
- 2) If it is within the time/cost limit set out by the FOI Act, a brief description of each crime listed in your answer to question 1**

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: -

Recorded Hate Crime/Incidents 23.05.2018 - 23.03.2020	
VICTIM ETHNICITY = CHINESE	
VICTIM ETHNICITY/CRIME INCIDENT/ OFFENCE	2018
O1 - CHINESE	1
Crime	1
RACIALLY OR RELIGIOUSLY AGGRAVATED COMMON ASSAULT OR BEATING (C&D ACT 1998 S. 29(1)(C),(3))	1
Grand Total	1

Source data: CMS Beds report

Recorded Hate Crime/Incidents 23.05.2018 - 23.03.2020				
VICTIM ETHNICITY SD = CHINESE				
Victim Ethnicity SD/ Crime Incident	2018	2019	2020	Grand Total
Chinese	5	6	5	16
Crime	4	4	4	12
008/06 - Assault with Injury - Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	1			1
008/55 - Racially or religiously aggravated intentional harassment, alarm or distress	2		2	4
008/56 - Racially or religiously aggravated Harassment or stalking without violence		1		1

034/01 - Attempted - Robbery (of Personal Property)			1	1
049/10 - Theft if not classified elsewhere			1	1
066/91 - Racially or religiously aggravated fear or provocation of violence	1			1
105/01 - Assault without Injury - Common assault and battery		1		1
125/82 - Racially or religiously aggravated harassment, alarm or distress		1		1
149/00 - Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)		1		1
Non Crime	1	2	1	4
NC/10 - Hate Incident - Racial	1	2	1	4
Grand Total	5	6	5	16

Source data: Athena Beds Report

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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