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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2020/02029

I write in connection with your request for information received on 27th March. I note you seek access to the following information:

Stop and Search

1. The number of Stop and Searches in the calendar years 2017 - 2020, inclusive to the present day, separated by ethnicity and reason for search.

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 Performance Team within the Force please see our response in the table below: -

Stop and Search - Dates between: 1.1. 2017 - 31.3. 2020									
YEAR / Ethnicity	Criminal Damage	Drugs	Firearms	Going Equipped	Offensive Weapons	Other	Section 60	Stolen Property	Grand Total
2017		768	12	145	220	72	2	186	1405
Asian		159	6	8	36	16		19	244
Black		84	1	11	37	10		10	153
Mixed		38		7	17	5		9	76
Not Stated		104	2	15	28	8	1	21	179
Other		8		2	1			2	13
White		375	3	102	101	33	1	125	740
2018	16	1227	12	239	371	21	1	137	2024
Asian		217	3	27	52	3	1	18	321
Black	1	143		19	43	2		10	218
Mixed	2	58		17	25	1		2	105
Not Stated	1	306	4	47	112	3		28	501
Other		8	1	2	6			2	19
White	12	495	4	127	133	12		77	860
2019	21	2135	24	412	502	20		131	3245
Asian		319	6	35	75	7		2	444
Black		177	4	16	57			7	261
Mixed	1	110		22	31			3	167
Not Stated	6	581	10	104	164	1		29	895
Other	1	11		4		1		3	20

White	13	937	4	231	175	11		87	1458
2020	10	682	4	88	121			46	951
Asian		125		10	28			1	164
Black		77		3	9			1	90
Mixed		33		2	7			2	44
Not Stated	2	170	2	16	32			15	237
Other		2		3	2				7
White	8	275	2	54	43			27	409
Grand Total	47	4812	52	884	1214	113	3	500	7625

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.