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**Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20181484**

**REQUEST**

Re your request (reference number above):

1. **-How many reports of domestic abuse related incidents has the force responded to since 2013?**
2. **-How many convictions has your force secured for domestic abuse related offences since 2013?**
3. **-How many of these convictions involved a “victimless prosecution” ie the victim did not support court proceedings?**

**REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION**

Please could you clarify the following point(s): -

**Q1** – i) Could you please clarify what you mean by ‘incidents responded to’. Do you mean domestic abuse related calls received into force that would be logged on our Incident Management System which require the deployment of officers? Or do you simply mean the number of incidents which are logged on either our Domestic Incident Register with a domestic incident flag and / or incidents listed on our Crime Register which records crimes with a domestic incident flag. If it is the latter scenario I have enclosed data going back to 2013 from a previous request which might meet your needs.

**Q2 & Q3** – SYP does not record conviction data – this information may be available from the CPS. We can provide outcomes / disposals of crimes with a domestic incident flag’ but not incidents (please refer to clarification required for Q1)

**CLARIFICATION RESPONSE**

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I approached our Crime Management Data Returns Officer for assistance with your request. The CMS system and Connect System is used to record complaints or allegations of those matters, which the Home Office specify should be recorded as ‘crimes’.

She conducted a search of the two crime management systems. (CMS - our legacy system which provides data up to 4th December 2017 and our new CONNECT system which records crimes from that date onwards)

She provided me with the enclosed spreadsheet in response and the following explanation regarding her search criteria:

*CMS(ii) data -*

*I have included a count of offences recorded on the CMS(ii) crime register where the offence was recorded between 01-JAN-2013 and 04-DEC- 2017 with a Domestic incident flag. Of this offence count, I have included breakdown of the offence outcome.*

*CONNECT data –*

*I have included a count of offences recorded on CONNECT for crime where the offence was recorded between 05-DEC-2017 and 31-AUG-2018 with a Domestic incident keyword. Of this offence count, I have included breakdown of the offence outcome.*

*I have provided outcome data as the crime managements systems do not hold data regarding prosecutions and convictions and I have only provided details of offences recorded on the crime registers not the domestic non crime registers.*

*Please note –*

*The Home Office changed the approach to reviewing outcomes of crimes implemented in South Yorkshire in July 2014, and now a broader framework is now in place. A crime which would have previously been closed as 'undetected' is now given a specific outcome based on the specific circumstances of that crime. However, as requested we have only provided specific outcomes based on the requesters requirements.*

*In addition, the outcomes CHARGED, SUMMONS and CAUTIONS changed in 2017 and we now specifically record for what offence, the offender was charged i.e. CHARGED is now recorded as either CHARGED WITH OFFENCE RECORDED Or CHARGED WITH AN ALTERNATIVE OFFENCE, therefore the outcomes are applicable depending on the year recorded the offence was recorded.*

*Over the specified data period the Home Office has introduced changes to how some offences are recorded i.e. burglary offences and how they are categorised. For further guidance, please refer to the Home Office Counting Rules.*

*<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/counting-rules-for-recorded-crime>*

*We have had to take a slightly different approach to extracting the data from CONNECT as the data is not recorded in the same format as the legacy system CMS(ii). SYP have changed their central crime management system in December 2017. Therefore data from the new system cannot be used as a direct comparison due to the different ways in which crimes are recorded. However, the data has been given to comply with original request and displayed here to show an outline trend.*