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**Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20172059**

**REQUEST**

**I would like to know the following information under the Freedom of Information Act for every annual year from 2012 to date in 2017:**

**1)How many Vietnamese children (under 18) were arrested by your force?**

**2)How many of these arrested Vietnamese children were identified as potential victims of trafficking by your force and then referred to the National Referral Mechanism?**

**3)What were these Vietnamese children arrested for? (Please provide as much detail as possible, at the very least, please would you summarise the nature of the crime in a couple of words. For example: “drugs-related offences”)**

**If you cannot answer all three questions of this FOI, please prioritise questions 1 and 2.**

**RESPONSE**

**Questions 1 & 3**

I approached our Custody Handling System (CHS) Analyst for assistance with this element of your request. This system records details relating to arrests and detainees held in custody. She conducted a search of the system using the criteria above and provided the raw data from which the enclosed table has been compiled.

**Question 2**

South Yorkshire Police can neither confirm nor deny that it holds any other information with regard to an exempt body as the duty in Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply by virtue of the following information:

*Section 23(5) Information Supplied by, or concerning, certain Security Bodies*

Section 23 is a class based absolute exemption and there is no requirement to consider the public interest in this case.

**None of the above can be viewed as an inference that any other information does or does not exist.**