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**Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20181109**

**REQUEST**

**I would like to request information under the Freedom of Information Act about alcohol-fuelled crime.**

**Please could you provide details of the number of arrests made by your force where alcohol was listed as a factor for each of the last 5 calendar years (including the year to date).**

**If possible, could you also break this information down by:**

**-Offence type**

**-Offender's gender**

**-Whether the offence took place between 8pm – 6am.**

**RESPONSE**

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 and the following explanation of her search criteria:

**CMS(ii) data**

*I have provided a count of offence recorded on the CMS(ii) crime register between 01-Jan-2013 and 04-Dec-2017 where the offence was recorded with a named offender and where the aggravating factor – ALCOHOL is recorded. Of this count, I provided a count of offences where the first date committed is between 20:00 and 06:00.*

*I have also provided a count of the offender gender, please note more than one offender maybe recorded on any offence therefore we do not expect a count of offenders to reflect a count of offences.*

**CONNECT**

*I have provided a count of offence recorded on the CMS(ii) crime register between 05-Dec-2017 and 30-Jun-2018 where the offence was recorded with a named offender and where the either keywords Alcohol (Suspect Intoxicated); Alcohol (Victim Intoxicated) are recorded. Of this count, I provided a count of offences where the first date committed is between 20:00 and 06:00.*

*I have also provided a count of the offender gender, please note more than one offender maybe recorded on any offence therefore we do not expect a count of offenders to reflect a count of offences.*

*There was no mandated requirement to report on this aggravating factor by the Home Office until April 2017, therefore any data included before this date may not be accurate or reliable.*

- *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.*