

4th June 2019

Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20191087

REQUEST

I hope to seek the following information:

Could I please request the number of hate crimes recorded by the police force for the period between 23 June 2016 and 2 May 2019.

1.) Please breakdown the information by calendar month

2.) For the above information how many arrests and convictions were made?

I understand you do not have conviction data so could you please substitute this with people proceeded against (PPA) information.

3) I'd also like to know how many more specialist hate crime investigators the force has employed in the same time frame.

RESPONSE

Q1-2

I approached our Crime Management Data Returns Administrator 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)

For FOI requests such as this, we access the two separate systems and the retrieval and data extraction varies greatly dependant on the search capabilities and the inputted data. The information you receive therefore may be in two different formats depending on your time parameters, and the data we can provide which will be dependent on the search capabilities of each system. All our systems are designed and used first and foremost for Policing Purposes and have limited search capability.

She provided me with the enclosed spreadsheet and the following explanation of her search criteria:

CMS(II) Data Offences–

I have included a count of offences recorded on the CMS(II) Crime Register between 23-Jun-2016 and 05-Dec-2017, where the offence was recorded with a Hate Aggravating Factor, broken down HO Description by month recorded and outcome of offence. I have also included a breakdown by Hate Aggravating Factor. Please note – we expect a count of aggravating factors to exceed a count of offences as more than one can be recorded on any offence.

CONNECT Data Offences -

I have included a count of offences recorded on the CONNECT between 04-Dec-2017 and 02-May-2019, where the offence was recorded with a Hate Indicator, broken down by HO Description by month recorded and outcome of offence. I have also included a breakdown

by Hate Indicator. Please note – we expect a count of Hate Indicators to exceed a count of offences as more than one can be recorded on any offence.

Q3

The Force Lead for Hate Crime has provided the following:

The force employs 4 Hate Crime Coordinators, who assist officers with investigations as well as engage with communities.