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Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20201999

REQUEST

Can you please provide the following information for each of the last four financial years (2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20) and any data for the financial year 2020/21 so far, up until 10 September 2020:

-The number of people who received warnings for breaching a Public Spaces Protection Order by begging

-The number of fixed penalty notices issued for breaching a Public Spaces Protection Order by begging

If possible within the cost threshold, can the outcome of these notices also be included:

**-how many people were prosecuted for failing to pay the fixed penalty notice
-how many people were issued a Community Protection Notice, Criminal Behaviour Order or Civil Injunction after breaching a Public Spaces Protection Order by begging**

RESPONSE

I approached our Crime Management Data Returns Administrator for assistance with your request. They advised:-

If the requester is referring to the offence 'Fail to comply with a public spaces protection order' which is recorded under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, then this is a non-notifiable offence and not recorded for CONNECT Crime.

The Connect System is used to record complaints or allegations of those matters, which the Home Office specify should be recorded as 'crimes'.

I have therefore contacted the Districts within SYP. A Neighbourhood Police Sergeant has advised that the PSPO Notices and breach of PSPO Notice FPN are all Council stationary, all paperwork is managed by the local Councils.

Therefore, in this instance our response is one of "No Information Held".

The following link is from a previous, similar FOI request, and may also assist you with your research.

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/accessing-information/request-information-under-the-freedom-of-information-act/anti-social-behaviour-dispersal-ref-20181842/>

You may wish to direct your request to the local Councils in our area.