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Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20202393

REQUEST

- 1) The total number of Hate Incidents recorded for each of the five monitored strands (disability, race, religion, sexual orientation, transgender) during the past two years.**
- 2) The total number of Hate Incidents which have escalated to Hate Crime across the five Monitored Strands.**
- 3) The estimated number of Hate Crimes across the five Monitored Strands which have been prevented as a result of the recording of a hate incident.**

RESPONSE

In order to assist me with your request, I contacted our Communications Centre Analyst and our Crime Administrator.

The Communications Centre Analyst has provided the following information from our Incident Management System, SMART. The Smart system records the majority of calls to South Yorkshire Police requiring the specific deployment of police resources, whether reported by members of the public via 999 or 101 or 'happened upon' by officers and staff in the course of their duties. The log runs as a running commentary of an incident as it unfolds and has limited search capability.

The below detail is from 01/11/2018 to 31/10/2020

Hate Crime	Count Of Crimes
Disabled	1171
Race	7565
Religion	278
Sexual Orientation	1637
Transgender	296
Grand Total	10947

The Crime Administrator has conducted a search of our Connect System. The Connect System is used to record complaints or allegations of those matters, which the Home Office specify should be recorded as 'crimes'.

They have provided the following explanation and spreadsheet.

I have provided a count of Hate related crimes recorded on CONNECT Crime as identified by one or more of the Hate Crime Indicators (RACIAL/DISABILITY/RELIGION/SEXUAL

ORIENTATION/TRANSGENDER), broken down by offence count/HO SUB Group name and also a Hate Indicator count broken down by each of the 5 strands of Hate.

I've provided the data for the period 01-NOV-2018 to 30-NOV-2020 using the Incident Created date.

Please note that the count of Hate Indicators is expected to exceed the count of offences as more than one Hate Indicator may be recorded on an offence.

As you may appreciate, Section 8 of the Freedom of Information Act applies to all recorded information a public authority may hold , and does not apply to 'explanation', 'general comment', 'opinion', 'estimate' which forms and therefore we are unable to respond to question 3.