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REQUEST

1. From 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018, how many crimes* of **child abduction by a parent** (Home Office classification^ 13/1) were recorded in South Yorkshire Police?
2. From 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018, how many crimes* of **child abduction by other persons** (Home Office classification^ 13/2) were recorded in South Yorkshire Police?
3. From 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018, how many crimes* of **kidnapping** (Home Office classification^ 36/1) – **when the victim was aged under 18 at the time of the offence** – were recorded in South Yorkshire Police? **Please note: we only want to collect data on 36/1 offences**; not the other 36 sub-categories (36/2, 36/3, 36/4 etc.).
4. From 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019, how many crimes* of **child abduction by a parent** (Home Office classification^ 13/1) were recorded in South Yorkshire Police?
5. From 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019, how many crimes* of **child abduction by other persons** (Home Office classification^ 13/2) were recorded in South Yorkshire Police?
6. From 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019, how many crimes* of **kidnapping** (Home Office classification^ 36/1) – **when the victim was aged under 18 at the time of the offence** – were recorded in South Yorkshire Police? **Please note: we only want to collect data on 36/1 offences**; not the other 36 sub-categories (36/2, 36/3, 36/4 etc.).

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 in response and the following explanation regarding her search criteria:

CMS(II) Data –

I have included a count of the offences ABDUCTION OF CHILD BY A PARENT (TAKEN OUTSIDE UK) and ABDUCTION OF CHILD BY PERSONS OTHER THAN A PARENT where the offence was recorded on the CMS(ii) Crime register between 01-APR-2017 and 04-Dec-2017.

I have also included a count of the offence 3601 KIDNAPPING, recorded on the CMS(ii) Crime register between 01-Apr-2017 and 04-Dec-2017, where the victim is under the age of 18 at the time of the offence.

CONNECT Data –

I have included a count of the offences ABDUCTION OF CHILD BY A PARENT (TAKEN OUTSIDE UK) and ABDUCTION OF CHILD BY PERSONS OTHER THAN A PARENT where the offence was recorded for CONNECT Crime between 05-Dec-2017 and 31-Mar-2019.

I have also included a count of the offence 3601 KIDNAPPING recorded for CONNECT Crime between 05-Dec-2017 and 31-Mar-2019, where the victim is under the age of 18 at the time of the offence.