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Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

Freedom of Information requests in regards to Hate Crimes

Request

FOI Request 1

- 1. The total number of race hate crimes which were received between April 2018-2019, broken down by months.
- 2. Further to question 1, of these please provide information on how many led to a successful prosecution, broken down by months.
 - a. Further to question 2, what was the nature of the charges that were upheld?
- 3. Further to question 1, of these please provide information on how many led to an unsuccessful prosecution, broken down by months.
 - a. Further to question 3, what is the nature of the charges that were brought?
- 1. Further to question 1, of these please provide information on how many cases were not pursued by the Crown Prosecution Service.
- 2. Further to question 1, of these please provide a breakdown of the types of criminal acts which occurred, broken down by months.

FOI Request 2

- 1. The total number of Islamophobic hate crime cases which were received between April 2018-2019, broken down by months.
- 2. Further to question 1, of these please provide information on how many led to a successful prosecution, broken down by months.
 - a. Further to question 2, what was the nature of the charges that were upheld?
- 3. Further to question 1, of these please provide information on how many led to an unsuccessful prosecution, broken down by months.
 - a. Further to question 3, what is the nature of the charges that were brought?



- 4. Further to question 1, of these please provide information on how many cases were not pursued by the Crown Prosecution Service.
- 5. Further to question 1, of these please provide a breakdown of the types of criminal acts which occurred, broken down by months.

FOI Request 3

- 1. The total number of race hates crimes which were recorded between April 2018-2019, broken down by months.
- 2. Further to question 1, of these please provide the following data for the victim(s) involved in the case:
 - a. please could you include a breakdown of the data by gender for each month;
 - b. please could you include a breakdown of the data by age for each month;
 - c. Please could you include a breakdown by ethnicity including those where ethnic identity was not specified or not recorded? Please ensure the 'Asian' category has a breakdown by Pakistani and Bangladeshi victims.
- 3. Further to question 1, of these please provide the following data for the suspect(s) involved in the case:
 - a. please could you include a breakdown of the data by gender for each month;
 - b. please could you include a breakdown of the data by age for each month;

Please could you include a breakdown by ethnicity including those where ethnic identity was not specified or not recorded? Please ensure the 'Asian' category has a breakdown by Pakistani and Bangladeshi victims.

FOI Request 4

- 1. The total number of race hate crimes which were recorded between April 2018-2019, broken down by months.
- 2. Further to question 1, of these please provide the following data for the victim(s) involved in the case:
 - a. please could you include a breakdown of the data by gender for each month;
 - b. please could you include a breakdown of the data by age for each month;
 - c. Please could you include a breakdown by ethnicity including those where ethnic identity was not specified or not recorded? Please ensure the 'Asian' category has a breakdown by Pakistani and Bangladeshi victims.
- 3. Further to question 1, of these please provide the following data for the suspect(s) involved in the case:
 - a. please could you include a breakdown of the data by gender for each month;
 - b. please could you include a breakdown of the data by age for each month;
 - c. Please could you include a breakdown by ethnicity including those where ethnic identity was not specified or not recorded? Please ensure the 'Asian' category has a breakdown by Pakistani and Bangladeshi victims.

FOI Request 5

- 1. The total number of Islamophobic hate crimes which were recorded between April 2018-2019, broken down by months.
- 2. Further to question 1, of these please provide a breakdown of the <u>types</u> of criminal acts which occurred, broken down by months (e.g. vandalism, arson, harassment, etc.).
- 3. Further to question 1, of these please provide information on how many were passed onto the Crown Prosecution Service, broken down by months.
- 4. Further to question 1, of these please provide the number of cases were no further action was taken due to lack of evidence, broken down by months.
- 5. Further to question 1, of these please provide the number of cases were no further action was taken due to the victim's choice, broken down by months.
- 6. Further to question 1, of these please provide the number of cases that lead to community resolution, broken down by months.

FOI Request 6

- 1. The total numbers of Islamophobic hate crimes which were recorded between April 2018-2019, broken down by months.
- 2. Further to question 1, of these please provide a breakdown of the <u>types</u> of criminal acts which occurred, broken down by months (e.g. vandalism, arson, harassment, etc.).
- 3. Further to question 1, of these please provide information on how many were passed onto the Crown Prosecution Service, broken down by months.
- 4. Further to question 1, of these please provide the number of cases were no further action was taken due to lack of evidence, broken down by months.
- 5. Further to question 1, of these please provide the number of cases were no further action was taken due to the victim's choice, broken down by months.
- 6. Further to question 1, of these please provide the number of cases that lead to community resolution, broken down by months.

FOI Request 7

- 1. The total numbers of Islamophobic hate crimes which were recorded between April 2018-2019 and where the primary, or secondary, location tag was 'mosque' (or any other religious institution tag that describes a building used by the Muslim communities for, but not limited to, worship). Please provide this information broken down by months.
 - a. Examples of locations tag include, but may not be limited to: Mosque, Madrasa, Islamic Schools, Islamic Prayer rooms.
- 2. Further to question 1, of these please provide information on the types of criminal acts which occurred, broken down by months (e.g. vandalism, arson, harassment, etc.).
- 3. Further to question 1, of these please provide the name of the city/town/village where each attack occurred. Grouping data under one category for each month is fine.
- 4. Further to question 1, of these please provide the following data for the suspect(s) involved in the case:

- a. please could you include a breakdown of the data by gender for each month;
- b. please could you include a breakdown of the data by age for each month;
- c. Please could you include a breakdown by ethnicity

Response

Section 12(1) of the FOI Act provides that a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit is specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 and for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.5 working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

The nature of the information requested in your seven requests has an overarching theme and common thread relating to detailed information for hate crime. A manual review of each case held would have to be undertaken to answer your detailed questions within your requests .As a guide, the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) completed total number of 14,151 cases files of hate crime prosecutions for 2017 to 2018 financial year.

For this reason we have aggregated the requests as they relate to the same information as set out in section five of the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. Please refer to the link below:

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2004/3244/regulation/5/made

We believe that the cost of responding to all seven of these requests would exceed the appropriate limit. Consequently, the CPS is not obliged to comply with any of your requests in accordance with section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please be advised that this cost limit will apply to any new requests that can be considered under the same theme as those seven mentioned above. The cost limit will apply to similar requests received in 60 consecutive working days from 26 June 2019. The cost limit will therefore apply until 19 September 2019

Requests received that are considered not to fall under the same theme as the current seven requests will be dealt with as normal.

Under section 16 of the FOI Act there is a duty to provide advice and assistance; you may find it helpful and worthwhile to refer to our CPS published data on hate crimes for 2017 to 2018 financial year via link below:

https://www.cps.gov.uk/publication/hate-crime-reports - page 21

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