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Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

Breakdown by ethnicity of all crimes dealt with by the CPS

Request

Please could you provide the ethnicity breakdown for all crimes overall, for both defendants and complainants?

Please provide data per year for five years up to March 2019? In a similar format to the attached which you provided previously for VAWG offences only

Response

In response to your question, the data is set out in the attached spread sheet for all completed prosecutions and all complainants obtained from the national data held by the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS), the data within the spread sheet should be read in conjunction with the caveats appended to the tables.

It should be noted that the data shows a breakdown of defendants and complainants in each of the last five financial years. It is important for you to note that ethnicity is self-declared, recorded and provided by the police and may be incomplete as some individuals either do not state their ethnicity or it is not provided by the police. To provide a proper context to the data, most particularly because the complainant data is considered incomplete the shortfall is so high that the CPS does not publish this information; the tables provided include those defendants and complainants self-declaring as white and those who do not state an ethnicity or where it has not been provided.

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