



Derbyshire Constabulary

Mr Scott Winters

Telephone: 101
Direct Line: 0300 122 8752
Ask For: Freedom of Information
Our Ref: 003139/19
Your Ref: Fraud - Catfishing
Date: 18 July 2019

Dear Mr Winters

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - REFERENCE NO: 003139/19

I write in connection with your request for information which was received by Derbyshire Constabulary on 20/06/2019. I note you seek access to the following information:

I am collating statistics from all 43 police forces in England and Wales regarding the surge in 'Romance Fraud', that is, fraud committed by targeting and preying on vulnerable women. Please see the below BBC article for reference. On many occasions fraud is committed under the Fraud Act 2006 where the perpetrator obtains a gain and the victim a loss.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-48639372>

Additionally, perpetrators create and utilise fake accounts on certain dating sites and begin intimate relationships with their targets where no notifiable crime is committed under NCRS.

Using your search filters, could you please provide the following information under the FOIA?

Number of notifiable crimes under heading, including any reports of rape subject to a crime report for:

2014 - 15 / 2015 - 16 / 2016 - 17 / 2017 - 18 / 2018 - 2019

Number of non-crime incidents, including rape for:

2014 - 15 / 2015 - 16 / 2016 - 17 / 2017 - 18 / 2018 - 2019

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within Derbyshire Constabulary to locate any relevant information. The searches located / did not locate information relevant to your request.

Decision

I have today decided to disclose the located information to you in full. Please see the below table.

Year	Incident Closure Type Name
2015	SK3: Suspicious Circumstances/Insecure Premises/Vehicles
2017	SK3: Suspicious Circumstances/Insecure Premises/Vehicles
	SK3: Suspicious Circumstances/Insecure Premises/Vehicles
2018	SK3: Suspicious Circumstances/Insecure Premises/Vehicles
	SK3: Suspicious Circumstances/Insecure Premises/Vehicles
	CJ: Fraud *C*
2019	CJ: Fraud *C*

In relation to this data please note the following:

- The data has been extracted from the Constabulary's Crime System which is, to all intent a 'living' system in that it is constantly being updated. As such the data can only be verified for the date/time extracted.
- Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide crime statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the crime data. It should be noted that for these reasons this Constabulary's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.

Right to Request a Review (Complaint)

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Derbyshire Constabulary.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact the Freedom of Information Officer, on the above telephone number quoting the reference number in the header.

Yours sincerely

Kevin Lea
Freedom of Information Officer

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