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Dear R Fairweather,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPLICATION REFERENCE NO: 7290/15

Thank you for your request for information received by Lancashire Constabulary on the 26/11/2015, which was as follows:-

For the last full year for which you have data, please provide the following data:

How many hate crimes were reported?

How many hate crimes were there for each category that you use, eg. Disability hate crime, anti- Semitic, race, religion etc. please provide both the category and the number of crimes reported.

The total number of hate crimes that resulted in physical injury requiring hospital attention.

Please provide a copy of any definitions that you use to determine whether a hate crime has taken place or which category it falls in to.

Are there any circumstances under which a crime is presumed to be a hate crime without corroborative evidence? For example, if a gang of individuals from one race attacks a lone individual from another, without any aggravating language.

Your request has now been considered and some of the information you are seeking can be found below:-

A search has been conducted of our crime system using the following parameters;

- All crimes recorded between 1st November 2014 and 31st October 2015.
- Crimes recorded as above with a crime state which is NOT equal to 'N' (No Crime)
- Crimes recorded with any of the following markers;
 - Racially aggravated
 - Religiously aggravated (anti-Semitic crimes are captured within this marker)
 - Homophobic
 - Disability
 - Lifestyle
 - Transphobic

1. 806 hate crimes were reported based on the above parameters

2. 865 hate crime 'markers' were attributed to the 806 hate crimes (one crime may result in more than one marker e.g. race and religion. The count of the markers is in the below table;

Hate crime marker	Number
Racially aggravated marker	580
Religiously aggravated marker	64
Homophobic marker	88
Disability	87
Lifestyle marker	21
Transphobic marker	25
TOTAL HATE CRIMES	865

3. This information (injury and subsequent hospital attendance) is not recorded.

The information we record only relates to injuries; within a crime report there is a field for 'injury to victim' which has 3 different categories;

- Not injured
- Minor injuries including graze, scratch, minor bruising, swelling, reddening of skin, superficial cut, black eye
- Serious injuries e.g. broken bones, lacerations etc.

This is not a mandatory field and as such the majority of the incidents do not have this information recorded. An injury being recorded does not mean that the injured party attended hospital.

Injury	Count of INJURY TO VICTIM
Not Recorded	554
Minor injuries including graze, scratch, minor bruising, swelling, reddening of skin, superficial cut, black eye.	98
Not injured	145
Serious injuries e.g. broken bones, lacerations etc.	9
Grand Total	806

We have also conducted a keyword search of the crime MO for 'hospital', 'A&E' and 'casualty' however this search did not return any results where the victim was required to attend hospital.

4. Lancashire Constabulary does not have its own definitions for hate crimes and adheres to the Home Office Counting Rules for Recorded Crime.
5. Hate crimes are based on if the victim perceives themselves to be a victim due to their race, religion, sexuality etc. If the victim perceives themselves to be attacked because of their race/religion/sexuality etc. then it must be classed as a hate crime, with the appropriate marker attached to identify why it was classed as a hate crime.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request an internal review of our decision, you should write to the Information Assurance Manager, Information Compliance and Disclosure Section, Police Headquarters, Saunders Lane, Hutton, Preston PR4 5SB or alternatively send an email to information@lancashire.pnn.police.uk. Details of the Constabulary's Freedom of Information Complaint Procedures can be found attached to this email.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot make a decision

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unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by Lancashire Constabulary. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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Information Compliance & Disclosure Section

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