



Heddlu Police

DYFED-POWYS

FOI Reference: 701/2019 – Please Quote in all Correspondence

Request:

I am writing to request the following under the Freedom of Information Act:

The number of reports of the “offence of having article with blade or point on school premises” where the suspect was under 18.

Please provide figures for the 2018/19 academic year (1 September to 31 July), broken down by age of suspect and local authority area.

Clarification:

I would expect this information to be held in the form of details of recorded crimes.

Response

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at Section 1(1)(a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held.

The second duty at Section 1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held. Where exemptions are relied upon Section 17 of FOIA requires that we provide the applicant with a notice which: a) states that fact b) specifies the exemption(s) in question and c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

Dyfed-Powys Police can confirm that it holds information pertinent to this request:

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested, as outlined below.

Age	2018/2019
4	1
7	2
9	1
10	2
11	2
12	4
13	1
14	1
15	6

Division	2018/2019
Carmarthenshire	5
Ceredigion	3
Pembrokeshire	8
Powys	4

It should be noted that as a result of the systems adopted by Dyfed-Powys Police in relation to the recording of such information that the information released may or may not be accurate.

Furthermore, it should also be noted that 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 force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.