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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NUMBER: 133/2022

Thank you for your request for information regarding Operation Hydrant statistics, which has now been considered.

Applicant Question:

1. Please provide a breakdown of the type of educational establishments (eg primary/secondary) for Operation Hydrant for all quarterly data releases since 2014.
2. A summary as to how many received compensation after their case was NFA.
3. A summary as to how many received compensation after conviction and where this came from
4. Statistics to suggest how many of the convicted still maintain their innocence whilst incarcerated.
5. Information about multiple allegations. (E.g Was the average per accused less than 10 allegations in 2014 and in 2020 was the average per accused 15?) I would like this in quarterly data points is possible.

NPCC Response:

The NPCC does not hold recorded information captured by your request.

The NPCC has a legal obligation to try and advise and assist you further with your request; for more information on the legislation please see Annex A.

In wishing to assist you, outside of the Act and as a gesture of goodwill, my colleagues from Operation Hydrant have provided the following statistics in relation to question 5.

Although the information is not held in the format requested, the following statistics may be of assistance. They are based on the information provided by forces, and as a snapshot in time, they are accurate at the moment of compilation. The data relates only to nominals where an outcome has been received from the force undertaking the investigation, and does not include nominals where outcomes have not yet been received from the investigating force. An overall total for the number of suspects and victims is available via our published data on the NPCC website, and is cumulative up to 31 December 2021.

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- Highest number of victims to 1 suspect is 56
- Number of suspects with 10 or more victims is 106 suspects at this current time
- **1287** suspects, with at least 1 outcome, have **2 or more** victims
- Of the **1287, 57** (4.4%) have outstanding allegations that are awaiting outcomes.

Additionally in relation to question one, please note that information published quarterly by Operation Hydrant as part of its Publication Scheme on the NPCC website provides a breakdown of the volume of allegation by institution. This includes the category of Education. However, Operation Hydrant does not receive or hold information in a format which provides for a breakdown of educational establishments by primary and / or secondary schools. I have included the link to the most recent stats update below.

<https://www.npcc.police.uk/NPCCBusinessAreas/OtherWorkAreas/OpHydrant/Statistics.aspx>

Yours sincerely

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It would be helpful, if requesting a review, for you to articulate in detail the reasons you are not satisfied with this reply.

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If, after lodging a complaint with NPCC, you are still unhappy with the outcome, you may make an application to the Information Commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.



Annex A

Legislation – Section 16

- (1) It shall be the duty of a public authority to provide advice and assistance, so far as it would be reasonable to expect the authority to do so, to persons who propose to make, or have made, requests for information to it.