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Our Ref: FOI2018/03922

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/03922

I write in connection with your request for information received on 18th July. I note you seek access to the following information:

To give you some context to my request; I am interested in the prevalence of live-streaming used in recorded child sex offences.

1. Please tell me the number of offences recorded between April 1st 2017 and March 31st 2018 under the following codes where the crime record includes the words 'live stream', 'live-stream', 'livestream', 'livestreaming', 'live-streaming' or 'live streaming':

- 21 (sexual activity involving a child under 13)
- 22B (sexual activity involving a child under 16)
- 88A (sexual grooming)
- 88E (exposure and voyeurism)
- 71/17 Sexual Communication with a Child

2. For each offence, please run a search for the following key words, and tell me how many of those offences included a reference to each of these terms:

- Facebook
- Periscope
- Twitter
- Instagram
- Musical.ly
- Live.ly
- Twitch
- YouTube
- Facetime
- Skype
- Whatsapp call
- Snapchat
- Omegle
- Sarahah
- Steam
- Discord
- Tumblr
- Yellow
- Yubo
- Google hangouts
- Oovoo
- Xbox live
- Playstation network

3. Of the results from question 1, for each offence, how many were connected to the following offence:
- 086/02 Take, permit to be taken or to make distribute or publish indecent photographs or pseudo - photographs of children

4. Of the results from question 1, please tell me:

- (a) The age of the youngest victim recorded
(b) How many victims were within the following age bands:
- 11 and under;
- 12 to 15;
- 16 to 17.

RE: CLARIFICATION

I wish to make clarification to my Livestreaming FOI request sent on Wednesday July 18th.

In question 1, instead of requesting information about Home Office Code 88A (which I now understand is an umbrella code encompassing multiple offences), I wish to request information about Home Office Codes 88/1 and 88/2 (meeting a child following sexual grooming).

I have also slightly changed the wording for question two, to make clear that I am asking about the results of question one, following some feedback from FOI officers.

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I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (The Act) to handle all requests in a manner that is blind to the identity of the requestor. Any information released in response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore, in the public domain without caveat.

Following enquiries within the Constabulary please see our response below.

Response

Q1 – 1 offence of 22B (Sexual Activity involving a child under 16)

Q2 – From the above Instagram and Snapchat were referenced in the crime report.

Q3 – 1 – The offence was linked to such a crime.

Q4 – a) 15 years old

b) 1 victim in the 12-15 bracket

The numerical data presented in this response is an un-audited snapshot of un-published data sourced from "live" systems and is subject to the interpretation of the original request by the individual extracting the data.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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Hertfordshire Constabulary provides you the right to request an independent review of this response under its review procedure. If you require such a review you must notify us within two months from the date of this letter. After lodging a complaint with Hertfordshire Constabulary if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make an application to the Information Commissioner. For information on how to make a complaint please visit their website at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/> or contact them on 0303 123 1113.