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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/03164

I write in connection with your request for information received on 11th June. I note you seek access to the following information:

I would like to know please for each of the following years 2015/16; 2016/17 and 2017/18:

- The number of murders
- How many of those involved a bladed weapon
- How many of those involved a firearm
- The sanction-detection rate

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 – Please see the below table detailing the information you have requested.

The number of murders recorded between 01/04/2015 to 31/03/2018

Count of CRIME URN Offence	Year Recorded		
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
MURDER – VICTIM ONE YEAR OLD OR OLDER	4	10	7
Grand Total	4	10	7

The weapon used for each offence

Weapon Used	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Bladed object	-	-	2
Bladed Weapon	2	4	4
Other Method	1	2	1
Unknown	1	4	-
Grand Total	4	10	7

The outcome, sanctioned detection rate is no longer used

Weapon Used	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
CHARGED/SUMMONSED	4	8	6
NFA	-	-	1
THE OFFENDER HAS DIED	-	1	-
Grand Total	4	9	7

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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