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Freedom of Information Request 21013/18

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Dear Ms Williams

FOI Request Reference: 021013/18

Thank you for your request for information, received 17/11/2018. I apologise for the late delivery of this response.

REQUEST

The Home Secretary has statutory powers to routinely request data from every police force in England and Wales. The Annual Data Requirement (ADR) stipulates a list of all the categories of data that may be requested, which individual forces must provide.

I wish to know the following under Freedom of Information:

- 1) What is the explanatory guidance that has been given to West Midlands police about what information to record in the 'gender' category of the ADR?
- 2) In the gender category of the ADR does your police force record a victim or suspects natal sex (the sex they were assigned at birth), their legal sex (the sex on their birth certificate), or their self-declared gender identity?
- 3) If a male-born person self-identifies as female will this be recorded by you in the ADR as female or male?
- 4) If a male-born person self-identifies as non-binary will this be recorded by you in the ADR as female or male or something else?
- 5) If someone is transgender (identifies as a different gender to the sex assigned at birth) is this recorded by you separately in the ADR.
- 6) If a male-born person self-identifies as female and is arrested/convicted for the crime of rape will you record the gender of the suspect/perpetrator in the ADR as male or female.

RESPONSE

Please find our response below.

- 1) What is the explanatory guidance that has been given to West Midlands police about what information to record in the 'gender' category of the ADR?

The ADR Notice is the guidance document for ADRs and there is no specific guidance in this document that relates to this request. However, for Crime Related ADRs, Recorded Crimes and Outcomes (ADR 111-114), the data specification states that the PERSON_SEX_CODE column should be - *A consistent value that provides the person's gender, i.e. 'Male', 'Female', 'Unknown'.*

2) In the gender category of the ADR does your police force record a victim or suspects natal sex (the sex they were assigned at birth), their legal sex (the sex on their birth certificate), or their self-declared gender identity?

Self-declared gender identity

3) If a male-born person self-identifies as female will this be recorded by you in the ADR as female or male?

Please see answer to question 2

4) If a male-born person self-identifies as non-binary will this be recorded by you in the ADR as female or male or something else?

Please see answer to question 1

5) If someone is transgender (identifies as a different gender to the sex assigned at birth) is this recorded by you separately in the ADR.

No

6) If a male-born person self-identifies as female and is arrested/convicted for the crime of rape will you record the gender of the suspect/perpetrator in the ADR as male or female.

Please see answer to question 1

As recommended as good practice by the Information Commissioner's Office a version of this response may be published on the West Midlands Police website.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For further information and data on West Midlands Police see our publication scheme and disclosure log

<http://foi.west-midlands.police.uk/>

RIGHT OF APPEAL

Your attention is drawn to your right to request a re-examination of your case under West Midlands Police review procedure, which can be found at:

<http://foi.west-midlands.police.uk/reviews-and-appeals/>

Please note that such an appeal must be received within 40 working days of the date of this correspondence. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the discretion of the FOI Unit.

If you require any further information, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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