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Heddlu Police

DYFED-POWYS

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Request:

- 1) For the months of November and December 2019 how many crimes were logged by your force where a machete was recorded as being an element in the offence? [Note: I would hope that this could be achieved by a computer search on the MO of crimes for the words "machete" or variants of the spelling to include "machette" and "machetes".
- 2) Please provide me with a table showing a breakdown of the crimes from Q.1 that are 'linked' to machete/s by its mention in the MO.
- 3) Taking the month of December 2019 please provide me with copies of the first 5 MOs that mention machetes. [Note: To avoid falling into an exemption I am content for names, ages, geography or any other personal detail to be redacted].
- 4) For the months of November and December 2019 how many crimes were logged by your force where acid was recorded as being an element in the offence? [Note: I would hope that this could be achieved by a computer search on the MO of crimes for the words "acid" or "acid-attack".
- 5) Please provide me with a table showing a breakdown of the crimes from Q.4 that are 'linked' to acid and acid attacks by its mention in the MO.
- 6) Taking the month of December 2019 please provide me with copies of the first 5 MOs that mention acid. [Note: To avoid falling into an exemption I am content for names, ages, geography or any other personal detail to be redacted].

Response 1:

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested, the details of which are as follows:

- There have been a total of zero (0) crimes relating to 'machetes' for the months of November and December 2019.

Response 2 and 3:

- Not applicable which is based on the response provided in relation to question 1.

Response 4:

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested, the details of which are as follows:

- There have been a total of zero (0) crimes relating to 'acid' for the months of November and December 2019.

Response 5 and 6:

- Not applicable which is based on the response provided in relation to question 4.

It should be noted that owing to the systems adopted by Dyfed-Powys Police in relation to the recording of such matters the information provided 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.

(This is a response under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and disclosed on 10/02/20)