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DYFED-POWYS

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Request:

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. I found that from 2019-2020, West Yorkshire Trading Standards referred 13 victims in the illegal tobacco supply chain to the NRM.

[https://awardsv2.hgl-content.co.uk/Content/awards/Documents/1218/MJ Awards App Cheap Illicit Tobacco Team.pdf](https://awardsv2.hgl-content.co.uk/Content/awards/Documents/1218/MJ_Awards_App_Cheap_Illicit_Tobacco_Team.pdf)

In light of this, I would like to be provided with the following information:

- 1) In the year 2020 how many NRM referrals did this police force make about victims involved in the illegal tobacco supply chain?
- 2) For each of these instances I would like to know:
 - The date of referral
 - Age of the victim
 - Gender of the victim
 - Any records which further detail the involvement of the victim in the illicit tobacco supply chain (e.g were they selling the tobacco).
 - Their nationality

Response 1:

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

Please note: The Home Office is that the data controller for the NRM and therefore statistics produced by the Home Office in relation to the NRM may provide a more comprehensive picture.

- For the calendar year of 2020 there were a total of zero (0) NRM referrals relating to victims involved in the illegal tobacco supply chain.

Response 2:

Not applicable; which is based on the response provide in relation to question 1.

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.

Police Forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide crime statistics to government bodies and the recoding criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the 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 22/02/21)