REQUEST

-Released under investigation

1. How many people did your force release 'under investigation' each month from June 2018 up to and including August 2021?

Month	Released Pending Investigation
Jul-20	1142
Aug-20	1004
Sep-20	1054
Oct-20	1021
Nov-20	983
Dec-20	856
Jan-21	833
Feb-21	755
Mar-21	685
Apr-21	84
Total	8417

Data for the period June 2018 - June 2020 is already published via

https://foi.west-midlands.police.uk/released-under-investigation-473a-20/

We do not have any data available from April onwards. Due to the fact that we have since changed our recording systems and some data is currently unavailable, due to this system change.

2. For request 1, please may this be split by crime sub groups for all crime types (see HO Offence Classification index? For example, violence against the person offences are split into homicides, violence with injury, violence without injury, stalking and harassment, death or serious injury caused by unlawful driving)?

Our Custody systems do not record information in relation to offence code therefore each record would need to be located and retrieved and the summary read to see what offence the individual had being taken into custody for. This would then need to be cross referenced with additional systems to assign it to the relevant Home Office code, to enable us to produce this data.

The cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004

3. For request 1, for each month, please can you state the average number of days these individuals were under investigation (prior to being charged or any other outcome was given)?

Our systems do not record information in relation to averages of length of people being released and when charges were given as this is a dynamic system and overwrites any previous information that was entered previously.

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Each Custody record would need to be located and retrieved and the summary read to see if there were updates made to each record.

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-Pre-charge bail

4. How many people did your force release on pre-charge bail each month from June 2018 up to and including August 2021?

Month	Released - Pre Charge Bail
Jul-20	865
Aug-20	586
Sep-20	646
Oct-20	544
Nov-20	547
Dec-20	455
Jan-21	436
Feb-21	508
Mar-21	595
Total	5182

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5. For request 4, for each month, please may this be split by crime sub groups for all crime types (see HO Offence Classification index? For example, violence against the person offences are split into homicides, violence with injury, violence without injury, stalking and harassment, death or serious injury caused by unlawful driving)?

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6. For request 4, for each month, please can you state the average number of days these individuals were placed on pre-charge bail (prior to being charged or any other outcome was given)?

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