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To Cressida Dick

Crime Recording

Dear Ms Dick,

We write to you regarding crime recording. Our national helpline has identified a **substantial** increase of calls from families of care home residents reporting thefts of personal belongings.

As a result of our data, we made a freedom of information request to the Metropolitan Police, asking for the data on care home thefts during Covid and for the same period pre Covid.

We were concerned to subsequently discover that whilst these crimes are recorded, the location type is not recorded. We write to ask why this is not recorded separately?

Surely theft in a care would, unlike other thefts give a readymade list of possible suspects, the staff rota.

How are thefts from vulnerable people currently investigated?

How many of these crimes have resulted in an investigation?

What does that investigation consist of?

How many of these crimes have been prosecuted?

This is information that should be readily available given that vulnerable people are the victims.

Another aspect of our work is homophobic abuse in care homes, it would appear that these crimes are recorded as hate crime.

Hate crimes should be recorded by type ie religious, sexual orientation and so on.

It appears that again these crimes are not recorded by location.

People in care homes subjected to these different types of abuse, are sitting targets, they cannot walk away from their abusers and are likely to suffer day after day. These crimes need to be considered in relation to **where** they are taking place for this very important reason.

The prosecution rates needs to be available to the public.

We look forward to hearing from you

Yours Sincerely

Eileen Chubb, National Director