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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/00976

I write in connection with your request for information received on 22nd February. I note you seek access to the following information:

My questions relate to the lacing or spiking of drinks with drugs and/or alcohol.

As far as I can see, there are no current and collated statistics on this issue.

My request is in three parts:

- 1. How many crimes were reported to the police relating to “drink spiking” or “drink lacing” for each year in the past three years.**
- 2. How many arrests were made relating to “drink spiking” or “drink lacing” for each year in the past three years.**
- 3. How many prosecutions have been successful relating to “drink spiking” or “drink lacing” for each year in the past three years.**

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (The Act) to handle all requests in a manner that is blind to the identity of the requestor. Any information released in response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore, in the public domain without caveat.

Following enquiries within the Constabulary please see our response below.

Response

Q1 – 2015: 8
2016: 8
2017: 24

Q2 – 2015: 1
2016: 2
2017: 8

Q3 – Please note that Hertfordshire Constabulary do not record prosecution data. This information is held by the Crown Prosecution Service. Accordingly I have determined that the information to which you seek is not held by Hertfordshire Constabulary.

The numerical data presented in this response is an un-audited snapshot of un-published data sourced from "live" systems and is subject to the interpretation of the original request by the individual extracting the data.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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Hertfordshire Constabulary provides you the right to request an independent review of this response under its review procedure. If you require such a review you must notify us within two months from the date of this letter. After lodging a complaint with Hertfordshire Constabulary if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make an application to the Information Commissioner. For information on how to make a complaint please visit their website at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/> or contact them on 0303 123 1113.