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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/01063

I write in connection with your request for information received on 27th February. I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1. Do you support hate crimes? (unless you answer an unequivocal "no" it will be taken that you do)**
- 2. What are you going to do to help me? (unless you help you are clearly condoning hate crimes, and corruption)**
- 3. The Employment Appeal Tribunal has just held that it doesn't matter that the council and its witness all lied to the court and withheld evidence (see judgement). Do you agree? (unless you answer an unequivocal "no" it will be taken that you do)**
- 4. Will you help me launch a legal challenge in the interest of justice?**

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 – Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, a request can be in the form of a question, rather than a request for specific documents, but the authority does not have to answer the question if this would mean creating new information or giving an opinion or judgement that is not already recorded.

All of the above questions are asking for an opinion or judgement that has not been recorded by Hertfordshire Constabulary and therefore there is no information held in relation to these questions.

The Freedom of Information Act is a piece of legislation which quite rightly opens up public authorities to greater scrutiny and accountability.

Under the provision of the Act an authority must process a request in writing from a named applicant under the terms and conditions of the legislation. Whilst giving maximum support to individuals genuinely seeking to exercise the right to know, the Commissioner's general approach will be sympathetic towards authorities where requests can be categorised as having indicators that the request is vexatious. It appears you may be abusing your rights of access to information by using FOI legislation as a means to vent anger in regard to a particular decision that affects you.

Therefore, with regard to this request we are including a warning under Section 14(1)(Vexatious Request) of the Freedom of Information Act that any future requests may attract this exemption.

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.