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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/01182

I write in connection with your request for information received on 2nd March. I note you seek access to the following information:

I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act:

- 1. How much spending has been allocated to Neighbourhood Policing Teams/Safer Neighbourhood Teams in your force in each year since 2009-10?**
- 2. How many Neighbourhood Policing Teams/Safer Neighbourhood Teams has the force operated in each year since 2009-10?**
- 3. How many officers have been employed in Neighbourhood Policing Teams/Safer Neighbourhood Teams in each year since 2009-10?**
- 4. How many PSCOs have been employed in Neighbourhood Policing Teams/Safer Neighbourhood Teams in each year since 2009-10?**
- 5. How many Safer Schools Partnerships has your force operated in each year since 2009-10?**

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 – This information is exempt from disclosure under S21 of the Freedom of Information Act, information Reasonably Accessible by Other Means.

Section 21 provides that where information is available to you from another source we do not have to provide further copies.

The information you have requested is publicly available on the Hertfordshire Constabulary website at the following link;

https://www.herts.police.uk/Search-Results?search_keywords=statement%20of%20accounts

Q2 – In 2009 the Neighbourhood policing teams/SNT consisted of 3 mains areas (Western/Eastern/Central), after March 2010 there was a structure change and the 3 main areas were brought in line to follow the Local Poling Structure, consisting of 2 LPC's broken down into 10 areas/districts known as CSPs (Community Safety Partnerships).

Q3 – Please see the below table detailing the information you have requested.

Date	Headcount of Police Officers (In Neighbourhood teams only)
31/03/2009	208
31/03/2010	230
31/03/2011	223
31/03/2012	221
31/03/2013	225
31/03/2014	218

31/03/2015	211
31/03/2016	215
31/03/2017	223
31/03/2018*	239

*predicted figure as of 15/03/2018

Please note this is based on postings stated as **Neighbourhood teams** at the time of the report therefore Community Safety is **excluded** from this figure. Figures may vary from year to year due to structural and terminology changes that occurred in this area throughout this period.

Q4 – Please see the below table detailing the information you have requested.

Date	Headcount of PCSOs (In Neighbourhood teams only)
31/03/2009	256
31/03/2010	229
31/03/2011	216
31/03/2012	238
31/03/2013	211
31/03/2014	187
31/03/2015	204
31/03/2016	209
31/03/2017	216
31/03/2018*	189

*Predicted figure as of 15/03/2018

Please note this is based on postings stated as Neighbourhood teams at the time of the report therefore Community Safety is **excluded** from this figure. Please note these figures **do not reflect** the total headcount of PCSOs in force. Figures may vary from year to year due to structural and terminology changes that occurred in this area throughout this period.

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.