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**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/01317**

I write in connection with your request for information received on 9th March. I note you seek access to the following information:

**Please can you acknowledge the receipt of this request and respond within 20 working days.**

- 1. How many reported incidents of rape were recorded in your police force between January and December 2017?**
- 2. How many of these were subsequently given C2 AVI cancellations?**
- 3. What constitutes additional verifiable information in the case of reported incidents of rape?**
- 4. If your police force records cases as "unfounded", how many reported incidents of rape are given this classification?**
- 5. What is the mean number of overall reported crime incidents given the classification of "unfounded"?**

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

Month	Total
January	52
February	93
March	81
April	61
May	95
June	93
July	98
August	72
September	95
October	99
November	104
December	64
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,007</b>

**Q2** – 14 of these crimes were subsequently given C2 AVI cancellations.

**Q3** – Where following the report and recording of a crime, Additional Variable Information (AVI) is available that **determines** that no notifiable offence has occurred the crime may be removed.

**Q4** – Hertfordshire Constabulary do not have a classification relating to 'unfounded'.

**Q5** – Searches within the Constabulary failed to locate any records/documents in relation to your request. Accordingly I have determined that the information to which you seek is not recorded 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.