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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/01448

I write in connection with your request for information received on 16th March. I note you seek access to the following information:

Please I can request the following information:

1. Please can you provide how many Unlicensed Music Events (UME) or illegal "raves"* have been reported in each of the following years: 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018.

*A 'rave' is defined, under S63-65 Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994, as a gathering on land in the open air of 20 or more persons (whether or not trespassers) or 20 or more people who are trespassers in a building at which amplified music is played during the night, which is by reason of its loudness and the duration and time at which it is played, likely to cause serious distress to the inhabitants of the locality.

2. What provisions or resources does your force actively employ to disturb, disrupt, or stop these events?

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.

Year	No. Incidents
2009	13
2010	44
2011	46
2012	57
2013	17
2014	11
2015	16
2016	9
2017	14
2018	1
Total	228

Please note the above data relates to calls made to our Force Control Room concerning Raves or Suspected Raves occurring within the Hertfordshire Area. This data also includes intelligence from Members of the Public and other Police Forces about suspected Raves or people travelling into/through Herts to attend a Rave. Due to the number of incidents listed our data analyst has not manually checked each individual incident for duplicates.

Q2 – Please see the link provided below to the College of Policing Authorised Professional Practice for general incident management;

<https://www.app.college.police.uk/>

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.