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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/01475

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

Over the last five calendar years please can you tell me how many incidents of hate speech have been reported to the police force, what category of hate speech each has come under e.g. racism, antisemitism, and how many reports have led to an arrest or caution of if no action was taken after investigating.

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

Offence	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
PUBLIC ORDER – DISPLAY THREAT/ABUSE VISIBLE REPRESENT					1
PUBLIC ORDER – INTENTIONAL HARRASSMENT/ALARM DISTRESS	30	23	51	90	114
PUBLIC ORDER – THREAT, A'SVE, INSULT WD/BEHAV PROVOKE VI	29	5	12	23	29
PUBLIC ORDER – THREAT / ABUSE WORDS BEHAVIOUR (S5)		2	4	3	7
PUBLIC ORDER – THREAT/ABUSE WORDS BEHAVE (S5)	5	2			
PUBLIC ORDER – WORDS/BEHAVIOUR TO HARASS ALARM DISTRESS	3	2		1	
RACIAL/RELIG AGG FEAR/PROV OF VIOL BY WORD/WRIT	29	61	79	83	107
RACIAL/RELIG AGG HARASS/ALARM/DIST BY WORD/WRIT	65	53	45	61	72
RACIAL/RELIG AGG INT HARASS/ALARM/DIS WORD/WRIT	240	317	397	515	561

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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