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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/01527

I write in connection with your request for information received on 20th March. I note you seek access to the following information:

I am working on a story about the Close Pass Scheme that was announced and launched last year.

This was a road policing scheme which saw undercover officers pretend to be cyclists.

I'm looking to find out more about the mechanics and results of the scheme and would like to know the following:

- 1) How many officers were involved and how many were undercover?**
- 2) How long the scheme lasted?**
- 3) How many fines were issued to motorists and how much has been paid?**
- 4) How many people were charged with dangerous driving?**

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 – The Close Pass Scheme has utilised 3 Police Officers and two members of staff from either the fire service or local council. 1 of these police officers is a cyclist who is not 'undercover', they wear full police cycling uniform which is marked police on the front, the rear has reflective markings, but no 'police' badge.

Q2 – This operation has recently been launched across Hertfordshire.

Q3 – There is currently no data available into the number of fines issued under the Close Pass Scheme as this has recently been launched within Hertfordshire. These fines take 6-8 weeks to process so therefore I can confirm that this information is not held by Hertfordshire Constabulary.

Q4 – There have been no charges of dangerous driving as a result of the Close Pass Scheme.

The numerical data presented in this response is an un-audited snapshot of unpublished data sourced from "live" systems and is subject to the interpretation of the original request by the individual extracting the data.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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