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**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/01617**

I write in connection with your request for information received on 23rd March. I note you seek access to the following information:

- Please may I have the total number of knife crimes for the past five 12 month periods?**
- Please may I have the most recent 12 months set out like this - from March 2017 to March 2018.**
- Please may I have the total number of knife crimes for the previous four 12 month periods.**
- March 2016 - March 2017**
- March 2015 - March 2016**
- March 2014 - March 2015**
- March 2013 - March 2014**

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.

*All offences of the following Crime Types where a knife or Bladed Object was listed as the Instrument;*

- Murder/Manslaughter*
- Attempted Murder*
- Threats to kill*
- Assault with intent to cause serious harm*
- Endangering life*
- Assault with Injury*
- Racially or religiously aggravated assault with injury*
- Assault with injury on a constable*
- Sexual Assault*
- Rape*
- Robbery*
- Possession of Weapon*

<b>Year</b>	<b>No.Knife/Bladed Object related Crimes</b>
April 2013 – March 2014	214
April 2014 – March 2015	293
April 2015 – March 2016	361
April 2016 – March 2017	468
April 2017 – March 2018	540

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.