



James Hodson
Information Rights
Bedfordshire Police Headquarters,
Woburn Road, Kempston,
Bedford, MK43 9AX

Telephone: 01234 842547
Email: foi@herts.pnn.police.uk

20th April 2018

Our Ref: FOI2018/01632

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/01632

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

1. Can you tell me how many applications to remove indefinite notification requirements of a sex offender this force has received from 01/09/2012 to 20/03/2018 (both dates inclusive)? Please can you break this down into the following periods:

2012 (01/09/12 - 31/12/12)

2013 calendar year

2014 calendar year

2015 calendar year

2016 calendar year

2017 calendar year

2018 (01/01/18 - 23/3/18)

2. How many of these applications were approved? Please could you break this information down into calendar years.

3. How many of the approved applications were from women sex offenders?

4. In the case of each approved application, please indicate the offence that the offender committed.

5. Out of the approved applications, please can you specify the number of cases that involved a victim under the age of 16.

6. Has any offender who successfully applied for indefinite notification requirements to be removed, to your knowledge subsequently gone on to be convicted of a sexual offence?

7. Where an offender has received a subsequent conviction, please can you specify:

- **The offence that the offender was originally given indefinite notification requirements for.**
- **The nature of the subsequent offence that they were convicted of.**

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 - Hertfordshire Constabulary have received 24 applications to remove indefinite notification requirements of a sex offender since 1st September 2012 and 28th February 2018. Of these applications 19 were granted.

However to break this information down into calendar years, offence date, gender etc. would vastly exceed the 18 hour time frame as stated in the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We therefore, consider that the cost of complying with your request for information would exceed the appropriate limit of £450 as has been stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees & Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under Section 12 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides that –

“(1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

(2) Subsection (1) does not exempt the public authority from its obligation to comply with paragraph (a) of section 1(1) unless the estimated cost of complying with that paragraph alone would exceed the appropriate limit.”

Section 17(5) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Bedfordshire Police, when refusing to provide such information (because the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit) to provide you the applicant with a notice which states that fact.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under Section 12 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

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

James Hodson
Information Rights

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.