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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/03574

I write in connection with your request for information received on 2nd July. I note you seek access to the following information:

I am submitting a Freedom of Information request relating to disclosure of details on hate crimes recorded by Hertfordshire police force during the period April 2016 to March 2017, inclusive, as follows:

Q1. The total number of race hate crimes recorded by police for the census period stated. Please provide a breakdown by calendar month.

Q2. Further to Question 1, of the total number of race hate crimes recorded, please provide a breakdown by ethnicity of the victims, including those where ethnic identity was not specified or not recorded. I am specifically focused on those victims of Pakistani, Bangladeshi, and Arab/Middle Eastern ethnicity. Please provide the race hate crimes affecting these ethnic groups specifically.

Q3. Further to Question 2, please also include a breakdown by sex of the victim; male / female for Pakistani, Bangladeshi, and Arab/Middle Eastern victims specifically.

Q4. Please provide the total number of religious hate crimes recorded by police for the census period stated. Please provide a breakdown by calendar month.

Q5. Further to Question 4, of the total number of religious hate crimes recorded, please provide details of the number of religious hate crimes where the victim's religious identity was recorded as Muslim or perceived Muslim, and those where religious identity was not specified or not recorded. Please also include in the response a breakdown by sex of the victim; male / female. If you have not recorded Anti-Muslim hate crimes, please provide the number of religious crimes where the ethnicity of the victim was either Pakistani, Bangladeshi, and Arab/Middle Eastern and their respective genders.

Q6. Please confirm if your police force has implemented the 2015 Home Office directive to record anti-Muslim offences as a separate category of hate crime.

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 attached Excel spreadsheet detailing the information you have requested.

Attachment – FOI2018 03574 Annexe A

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.