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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/03806

I write in connection with your request for information received on 13th July. I note you seek access to the following information:

I hereby respectfully request disclosure under the Freedom Of Information Act 2000 of the numbers of Police Officers within your force who have experienced a lower limb injury either on or off duty over the last 3 years from 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2018.

This should be sourced from the appropriate Injury on Duty form(s) and/or return to work following sickness forms used in Force. The data required for each instance is as follows:

- Total number of officers this request relates to
- Area of lower limb affected (eg: Knee, ankle, achilles etc)
- Total number & type of incidents (eg: Assault, fall, strain, sporting activity etc)
- The length of sickness reported following the injury or medically retired

For example (in table format);

Total number of Officers: 100

Area effected: 50 x knee / 25 x ankle / 20 x achilles / 5 x foot

Type of incidents: 50 x Assaults / 25 x fall / 5 x strain / 5 x sports related

Total sickness per type: Assaults - 20 x days sickness (1 x medically retired) / fall x 5 days sickness / strains - 5 x days sickness / Sports - 20 x days sickness

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 – Searches have been made within the Constabulary for information relevant to your Freedom of Information request. These searches failed to locate any information in relation to your request, accordingly I have determined that this data is not recorded by Hertfordshire Constabulary.

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.