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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/03953

I write in connection with your request for information received on 19th July. I note you seek access to the following information:

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please could you provide the following information:

- 1. How many offences has your force recorded where the key term “Grindr” has been use? (ie where the term Grindr has been mentioned in the MO field of a crime report)? In 2015? 2016? 2017? 2018?**
- 2. How many offences has your force recorded where the key term “Tinder” has been use? (ie where the term Tinder has been mentioned in the MO field of a crime report)? In 2015? 2016? 2017? 2018?**
- 3. How many offences has your force recorded where the key term “Bumble” has been use? (ie where the term Tinder has been mentioned in the MO field of a crime report)? In 2015? 2016? 2017? 2018?**
- 4. How many offences has your force recorded where the key term “dating app” has been use? (ie where the term dating app has been mentioned in the MO field of a crime report)? In 2015? 2016? 2017? 2018?**

When providing the numbers, please can you specify the nature of the crime (eg. sexual assault) and whether it resulted in a charge (y/n). Please treat each year as a calendar year from Jan-Dec, except for 2018 where Jan-June will suffice.

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 – Please see the below table detailing the information you have requested.

Offence Description	Year	Charged
MAL COMMS – SEND LETTER/COMM/ARTICLE THREAT MESS	2016	N
SEX – MALE UNDER 16 OFFENDER 18 OR OVER PENETRATION	2016	N
MAL COMMS – SEND LETTER/COMM/ARTICLE IND/OFF MESS	2016	N
SEX – ARRANGE COMMISSION OF A CHILD SEX OFFENCE	2017	Y
SEX – ARRANGE FACILITATE SEX EXPLOIT CHILD UNDER	2017	N
SEX – ARRANGE COMMISSION OF A CHILD SEX OFFENCE	2017	N
SEX – MEET MALE UND 16 AFTER GROOMING OFFEN 18 +	2017	Y
SEX – ARRANGE COMMISSION OF A CHILD SEX OFFENCE	2017	N
SEX – MEET MALE UND 16 AFTER GROOMING OFFEN 18+	2017	N
SEX – MEET MALE UND 16 AFTER GROOMING OFFEN 18+	2017	Y
SEX – MEET MALE UND 16 AFTER GROOMING OFFEN 18+	2017	N
CHILD – DISTRIBUTE INDECENT PHOTO	2017	N
SEX – MEET FEMALE UND 16 AFTER GROOMING OFF 18+	2017	N

SEX – MEET MALE UND 16 AFTER GROOMING OFFEN 18+	2017	N
SEX – ARRANGE COMMISSION OF A CHILD SEX OFFENCE	2017	N
THEFT – DWELLING OTHER THAN FRM AUTOMATIC MACHINE	2018	N

Q2 – Please see the below table detailing the information you have requested.

Offence Description	Year	Charged
ASSAULT-COMMON – WITHOUT INJURY	2015	N
ASSAULT-COMMON – WITHOUT INJURY	2015	N
HARASSMENT-PURSUED COURSE OF CONDUCT LIKELY S2	2016	N
MAL COMMS – SEND LETTER/COMM/ARTICLE THREAT MESS	2016	N
BLACKMAIL	2016	N
BLACKMAIL	2017	N
MAL COMMS – SEND COMM/ARTICLE INDECENT/OFFENSIVE	2017	N
COMMUNICATION – GROSSLY OFFENSIVE/OBSCENE/INDECENT	2017	N
BLACKMAIL	2017	N
SEX – RAPE OF A FEMALE AGED 16 OR OVER	2017	N
COMMUNICATION – GROSSLY/OFFENSIVE/OBSCENE/INDECENT	2017	N
MAL COMMS – SEND LETTER/COMM/ARTICLE THREAT MESS	2017	N
MAL COMMS – SEND LETTER/COMM/ARTICLE THREAT MESS	2018	N
STALKING WITHOUT FEAR/ALARM/DISTRESS	2018	N

Q3 – N/A

Q4 – Please see the below table detailing the information you have requested.

Offence Description	Year	Charged
ROBBERY - PERSONAL	2015	N
SEX – RAPE OF A MALE AGED 16 OR OVER	2015	N
BLACKMAIL	2016	N
STALKING INVOLVING FEAR OF VIOLENCE	2016	N
THEFT – NOT OTHERWISE CODED	2016	N
MAL COMMS – SEND LETTER/COMM/ARTICLE THREAT MESS	2017	N
SEX – RAPE OF A FEMALE AGED 16 OR OVER	2017	N
SEX – RAPE OF A MALE AGED 16 OR OVER	2017	N
SEX – MEET MALE UND 16 AFTER GROOMING OFFEN 18+	2017	N
BLACKMAIL	2017	N
BLACKMAIL	2017	N
MAL COMMS – SEND LETTER/COMM/ARTICLE THREAT MESS	2018	N
MAL COMMS – SEND LETTER/COMM/ARTICLE IND/OFF MESS	2018	N
THEFT – DWELLING OTHER THAN FRM AUTOMATIC MACHINE	2018	N
BLACKMAIL	2018	N
MAL COMMS – SEND COMM/ARTICLE INDECENT/OFFENSIVE	2018	N
MAL COMMS – SEND LETTER/COMM/ARTICLE THREAT MESS	2018	N
BLACMAIL	2018	N
SEX – RAPE OF A FEMALE AGED 16 OR OVER	2018	N

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.