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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/04193

I write in connection with your request for information received on 27th July. I note you seek access to the following information:

1) Can you please tell me what is your police force's gender policy on recording crime incidents- in terms of do you record the individual involved in a crime incident by their preferred gender or the gender of their birth?

2) If the recording of crime incidents is by preferred gender, when was this policy introduced

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 classes the gender of a victim or offender how they self-identify themselves. At this present time there are no definitions regarding this new type of recording although there are plans to review this in the future.

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.