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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/04231

I write in connection with your request for information received on 30th July. I note you seek access to the following information:

10-17 arrest data for possession with intent to supply Class A

1. How many arrests of children and young people aged 10-17, were recorded with the reason 'possession with intent to supply Class A' in the following periods of time?

- a) 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016
- b) 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017
- c) 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018

2. Of the total number of arrests of children and young people aged 10-17, with the reason 'possession with intent to supply Class A' in a) 2015/2016, b) 2016/2017 and c) 2017/18 how many were:

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Male			
Female			

3. Of the total number of arrests of children and young people aged 10-17, with the reason 'possession with intent to supply Class A' in a) 2015/2016, b) 2016/2017 and c) 2017/18 how many were:

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Living within the police force area			
Living outside of the police force area			

4. Of the total number of arrests of children and young people aged 10-17, with the reason 'possession with intent to supply Class A' in a) 2015/2016, b) 2016/2017 and c) 2017/18 how many were:

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
British Nationals			
Foreign Nationals			

5. Of the total number of arrests of children and young people aged 10-17, with the reason 'possession with intent to supply Class A' who were foreign nationals in a) 2015/2016, b) 2016/2017 and c) 2017/18, please provide the list of nationalities and break down of numbers by nationalities:

6. Of the total number of arrests of children and young people aged 10-17, with the reason 'possession with intent to supply Class A' in a) 2015/2016, b) 2016/2017 and c) 2017/18 how many cases had an additional vulnerability flag on their record (for example, CSE, trafficking, Missing, CCE)

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Additional Vulnerability Flag			

7. Of the number of cases with an additional vulnerability flag, how many were specifically for Child Criminal Exploitation, in a) 2015/2016, b) 2016/2017 and c) 2017/18?

10-17 arrest data for possession of Class A

8. How many arrests of children and young people aged 10-17, were recorded with the reason 'possession of Class A' in the following periods of time?

- a) 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016
- b) 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017
- c) 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018

9. Of the total number of arrests of children and young people aged 10-17, with the reason 'possession of Class A' in a) 2015/2016, b) 2016/2017 and c) 2017/18 how many were:

2015/16 2016/17 2017/18

Male

Female

10. Of the total number of arrests of children and young people aged 10-17, with the reason 'possession of Class A' in a) 2015/2016, b) 2016/2017 and c) 2017/18 how many were:

2015/16 2016/17 2017/18

Living within the police force area

Living outside of the police force area

11. Of the total number of arrests of children and young people aged 10-17, with the reason 'possession of Class A' in a) 2015/2016, b) 2016/2017 and c) 2017/18 how many were:

2015/16 2016/17 2017/18

British Nationals

Foreign Nationals

12. Of the total number of arrests of children and young people aged 10-17, with the reason 'possession of Class A' who were foreign nationals in a) 2015/2016, b) 2016/2017 and c) 2017/18, please provide the list of nationalities and break down of numbers by nationalities:

13. Of the total number of arrests of children and young people aged 10-17, with the reason 'possession of Class A' in a) 2015/2016, b) 2016/2017 and c) 2017/18 how many cases had an additional vulnerability flag on their record (for example, CSE, trafficking, Missing, CCE)

2015/16 2016/17 2017/18

Additional Vulnerability Flag

14. Of the number of cases with an additional vulnerability flag, how many were specifically for Child Criminal Exploitation, in a) 2015/2016, b) 2016/2017 and c) 2017/18?

10-17 Stop and Search Data

15. How many times was 'stop and search' undertaken with the reason recorded as 'drugs' and the age of the child or young person stopped was 10-17, in the following periods of time:

- a) 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016
- b) 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017
- c) 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018

16. Of the total number of stop and search checks undertaken involving children and young people aged 10-17 and the reason given 'drugs' in a) 2015/2016, b) 2016/2017 and c) 2017/18, how many were:

2015/16 2016/17 2017/18

Male

Female

17. Of the total number of stop and search checks undertaken involving children and young people aged 10-17 and the reason given 'drugs' in a) 2015/2016, b) 2016/2017 and c) 2017/18, how many were:

2015/16 2016/17 2017/18

Living within the police force area

Living outside of the police force area

18. Of the total number of stop and search checks undertaken involving children and young people aged 10-17 and the reason given 'drugs' in a) 2015/2016, b) 2016/2017 and c) 2017/18, how many were also found in possession of:

2015/16 2016/17 2017/18

Firearm

Offensive Weapon

19. In your police force, how many Local Child Curfews were issued to children under the age of 10 from 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018?

20. In your police force, how many Local Child Curfews were issued to children under the age of 10 from 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018, for drug related reasons?

21. In your police force, how many Child Safety Orders were issued to children under the age of 10 from 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018?

22. In your police force, how many Child Safety Orders were issued to children under the age of 10 from 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018 for drug related reasons?

National Referral Mechanism (NRM)

23. Does your police force record number of NRM referrals made for minors?

Yes / No

24. If yes, is this data retrievable?

Yes / No

25. How many referrals for children aged under 18 (18 not included), who were suspected of criminal exploitation, were made in the year 2017/18?

26. Of the total number of referrals for children aged under 18 (18 not included), who were suspected victims of criminal exploitation in the year 2017/18, how many were:

Male

Female

27. Of the total number of referrals for children aged under 18 (18 not included), who were suspected victims of criminal exploitation in the year 2017/18, how many were:

Living within the police force area

Living outside of the police force area

28. Of the total number of referrals for children aged under 18 (18 not included), who were suspected victims of criminal exploitation in the year 2017/18, how many were:

British Nationals

Foreign Nationals

29. Of the total number of referrals for children aged under 18 (18 not included) who were suspected victims of criminal exploitation in the year 2017/18, how many:

Received a reasonable grounds decision from the NRM following referral

Received a conclusive grounds decision from the NRM following their referral

Missing from home

30. In the year ending 31st March 2018, what were the total number of missing episodes for males aged 10-17 who were missing from home?

31. In the year ending 31st March 2018, what were the total number of missing episodes for females aged 10-17 who were missing from home?

32. In the year ending 31st March 2018 what was the total number of males aged 10-17 who were missing from home:

33. In the year ending 31st March 2018, what was the total number of females aged 10-17 who were missing from home:

34. In the year ending 31st March 2018, how many of the total number of young people aged 10-17 missing from home, were found outside of your police force boundaries?

35. In the year ending 31st March 2018, what was the average length of missing episode for the number of young people age 10-17 missing from home found outside of your police force boundaries?

Missing from care

36. In the year ending 31st March 2018, what were the total number of missing episodes for males aged 10-17 who were missing from care:

37. In the year ending 31st March 2018, what were the total number of missing episodes for females aged 10-17 who were missing from care

38. In the year ending 31st March 2018, what was the total number of males aged 10-17 who were missing from care:

39. In the year ending 31st March 2018, what was the total number of females aged 10-17 who were missing from care:

40. In the year ending 31st March 2018, how many of the total number of young people aged 10-17 missing from care, were found outside of your police force boundaries?

41. In the year ending 31st March 2018, what was the average length of missing episode for the number of young people age 10-17 missing from care found outside of your police force boundaries?

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 - The information requested is not all centrally recorded. Therefore a manual search would need to be conducted which will exceed the 18 hour limit. Unfortunately this means it is not possible to suggest a way to refine this request, as even if the date range were reduced it would still require hundreds of records to be manually checked.

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.

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

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 of the Freedom of Information Act.

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.