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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/06488

I write in connection with your request for information received on 9th November. I note you seek access to the following information:

I understand it has not been possible to precisely answer my FOI request below – I do appreciate you giving me the answer to Q1.

A number of other forces have had the same difficulty, so I would like to refine my questions. Other forces have been able to answer the following:

For each of the following calendar years a) 2014, b) 2015, c) 2016, d) 2017 and e) 2018 so far, please state:

- 1. The total number of sexual offences recorded.**
- 2. Of those in Q1, the total number of sexual offences marked with a disability hate crime flag.**
- 3. Of those in Q2, if possible within the time limits, please can you manually review each case to identify how many of these sexual offences involved a victim with a learning disability? (If it is not possible to review each year, please start with 2018 and proceed backwards).**

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 below table detailing the information you have requested.

Year	All Sexual Offences	With Disability Hate Crime Marker	Victim with a learning disability
2014	1177	0	N/A
2015	1272	0	N/A
2016	1507	0	N/A
2017	1751	0	N/A
2018 to end of October	1690	0	N/A

Note: While none of the sexual offences in 2016 had disability hate crime markers one did have a learning disability marker (none of the sexual offences in the other years had that marker)

The numerical data presented in this response is an un-audited snapshot of unpublished data sourced from "live" systems and is subject to the interpretation of the original request by the individual extracting the data.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.