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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/00052

I write in connection with your request for information received on 4th January. I note you seek access to the following information:

Please accept the following request for information under the FOI Act:

1. The number of investigations opened into drug-related deaths at licensed premises. Please provide figures for each calendar year from 2013 to 2017.

If possible, please also provide the following information:

2. The number of police hours spent investigating drug-related deaths at licensed premises. Please provide figures for each calendar year from 2013 to 2017.

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 - Unfortunately we will be unable to provide information on this request. If a death is as the result of a suspected it will be investigated and crimed as such. There were no crimes involving causing death and or murder which were drugs related and which occurred in a licensed premises during this period.

Non suspicious deaths are classified by the Coroner following a post Mortem examination. We do not have access to such information.

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.