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**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/00100**

I write in connection with your request for information received on 8th January. I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1) In 2017, how many young people (under 18s) were caught carrying weapons in Hertfordshire?
- 2) In 2017, what weapons were young people (under 18s) caught carrying? Can you give us a breakdown of the number of each weapon that young people were caught carrying? i.e. 20 knives, 13 guns etc.
- 3) How old was the youngest person caught carrying a weapon in Hertfordshire in 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.

**Response** - Following enquiries within the Constabulary please see our response below;

- 1) 100 crimes were recorded where the accused was aged 17 or under and caught carrying/possessing a weapon.
- 2)

| Weapon Type          | Count      |
|----------------------|------------|
| Air pistol           | 2          |
| Air rifle            | 2          |
| Baseball bat         | 1          |
| BB gun               | 3          |
| Bladed article       | 7          |
| Cosh                 | 2          |
| CS gas               | 1          |
| Electronic probe     | 1          |
| Hammer               | 4          |
| Hand gun             | 2          |
| Hoover pole          | 1          |
| Knife                | 61         |
| Knuckle duster       | 1          |
| Metal pole           | 1          |
| Pick axe handle      | 1          |
| Pointed ring         | 1          |
| Screwdriver          | 1          |
| Starter pistol       | 1          |
| Taser                | 2          |
| Hand gun (imitation) | 1          |
| Firearm imitation    | 2          |
| Rounders bat         | 1          |
| Piece of wood        | 1          |
| <b>Grand Total</b>   | <b>100</b> |

- 3) 10 years old.

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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