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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/00132

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

Following the amendment made to the Serious Crime Act 2015 (section 76) implemented in December 2015, how many people has your constabulary charged with coercive control from December 2015 to December 2016 and December 2016 to December 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;

In 2016, there were 35 crimes recorded under Home Office Description; Engage-Coercive Controlling Behaviour in Relationship. No person was charged or issued with a Postal Requisition nor cautioned.

In 2017, there were 53 crimes recorded under Home Office Description; Engage-Coercive Controlling Behaviour in Relationship. 7 individuals were either charged or issued with a Postal Requisition and 1 individual was cautioned.

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.