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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/00173

I write in connection with your request for information received on 11th January. I note you seek access to the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

- 1. How many crimes were recorded by Hertfordshire Constabulary in the following financial years: 2015/16, 2016/17, and 2017/18 so far?**
- 2. Of the above, how many crime investigations were discontinued/not transferred for a secondary investigation after the initial report, investigation, and assessment, in accordance with the College of Policing APP guidance (Sections 2.1 and 4) on investigations? Please provide data for the following financial years: 2015/16, 2016/17, and 2017/18 so far.**
- 3. If any crime investigations were discontinued/not transferred for a secondary investigation after their initial reports, investigations, and assessments, please state the number per Home Office Offence Code (from the Home Office offence classification index).**

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 - Information concerning the finalisation of crime is recorded on a Crime Report on our Crime Information System in the Investigators Comments free text field. This means that for operational purposes it is available on a case by case basis but is not easily retrievable as a data set without manually interrogating the system. To do this would exceed the 18 hour time limit.

To answer this request would need a full time allocated resource and it would take longer than the time given to produce the information.

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. 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.

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.