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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/00350

I write in connection with your request for information received on 22nd January. I note you seek access to the following information:

I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

Please would you tell me:

1. How many times your force has used 'spit hoods' during arrests during the following financial years:

- a) 2013/14
- b) 2014/15
- c) 2015/16
- d) 2016/17
- e) 2017/18 to date

2. Please provide separate breakdowns by age, gender and ethnicity of the arrested persons dressed in spit hoods (i.e. tables showing the numbers by age, by gender and by ethnicity, separately)

3. Please provide the age and gender of the youngest person to have a spit hood used on them during the five years mentioned above.

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 attached document detailing the information you have requested.

Attachment – FOI2018 00350 Annexe A

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.