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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/00391

I write in connection with your request for information received on 24th January. I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1) For the years 2015, 2016 and 2017 could you please supply me with the TOTAL number of fatalities recorded as being caused by a Firearm, including Air Weapons? One total figure for each of the three years is all I require.
- 2) For the years 2015, 2016 and 2017 could you please supply me with the TOTAL number of non-fatal injuries recorded as being caused by a Firearm, including Air Weapons? One total figure for each of the three years is all I require.
- 3) For the years 2015, 2016 and 2017 could you please supply me with the TOTAL number of fatalities recorded as being caused by a Knife or other Bladed Instrument? One total figure for each of the three years is all I require.
- 4) For the years 2015, 2016 and 2017 could you please supply me with the TOTAL number of non-fatal injuries recorded as being caused by a Knife, or other bladed instrument? One total figure for each of the three years is all I require.

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 – As far as fatalities are concerned, Hertfordshire Constabulary would only record data where an offence had deemed to have taken place e.g. murder / Manslaughter. Other cases of death are recorded by the Coroner.

This applies for non-fatal injuries also. Hertfordshire Constabulary only record non-fatal injuries if an allegation of a crime has taken place. Any other injuries will not be recorded and unless the injured party attended a hospital this information will not be recorded by any public body.

Therefore we are unable to provide a response to the information you have requested.

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.