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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2017/01736

I write in connection with your request for information received on 15th December. I note you seek access to the following information:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

Please can you supply me with the following information regarding the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) or other board/panel/forum that decides on requests made to the force under the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS, also known as Clare's Law).

- 1. The dates on which the board/panel has met since March 2014 or, if the board meets on a regular basis, the frequency of those meetings (ie, every week/month/quarter?)**
- 2. The average length of time between an application being submitted and the applicant being informed of disclosure/non-disclosure. If it would be easier and quicker to find, the shortest time and the longest time would suffice.**
- 3. Of the requests made under the DVDS – “Right to Ask” – in the 12 months to June 2017 that resulted in no information being disclosed:
a) how many were refused because there was no information to pass on?
b) how many were refused because disclosure was not deemed appropriate or necessary?**
- 4. Of the requests made police or other agency under the DVDS – “Right to Know” – in the 12 months to June 2017 that resulted in no information being disclosed:
a) how many were refused because there was no information to pass on?
b) how many were refused because disclosure was not deemed appropriate or necessary?**

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. Meetings are held monthly
2. Shortest time - one day
Longest time - 3 months
- 3a. 14
- 3b. 17
- 4a. 1
- 4b. 63 – mainly due to the fact that they would not engage or make contact with Police, or they were already aware of the subjects previous history

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.