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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2017/00751

I write in connection with your request for information received on 23rd September. I note you seek access to the following information:

Please can you release the number of people wanted by your force on outstanding arrest warrants on the following dates a) 30 June 2017 b) 30 June 2016 c) 30 June 2015 and d) 30 June 2014.

These figures should include (but are not limited to) suspects who have failed to turn up to court, and where an arrest warrant has been issued.

Please also break down the three datasets by crime/offence.

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.

Information relating to crime type/offence is not correlated on the information system or warrant report. This will require manual analysis of each individual record detailed below to ascertain this 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.

Unfortunately this means it is not possible to suggest a way to refine this request, as even if the date range were reduced it would still require multiple records to be manually checked.

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. This letter acts as a Refusal Notice under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

However, I am able to provide the information below which is relative to your request, retrieved before the fees limit was exceeded. I hope this is helpful however; it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

	Jun-14	Jun-15	Jun-16	Jun-17
All Warrants Outstanding at end of period	331	393	380	379

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.