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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2017/01523

I write in connection with your request for information received on 1st December. I note you seek access to the following information:

Ideally, the search would be for broad types of UK crimes (i.e. theft, violent, fraud, telephone scams, computer scams, burglary, crash for cash etc), the numbers of crimes within these categories and the ethnicity of the perpetrators. Figures from the last decade or, if possible, the last two decades would be helpful. Data going back fifty years could help me in establishing trends, but I appreciate that digital data may not be available for that length of time. I am aware that there is no central database of this information and will be making a similar request to all Police Constabularies in the UK.

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;

The data requested is available on GOV.UK website from 2013 onwards. It provides comparison data for all police forces in England and Wales and is subject to the same counting rules. Please click the link provided below;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/police-recorded-crime-open-data-tables>

The way in which crime is recorded has changed over time, so it's not always possible to compare like offences when looking at crime figures from a number of years ago. Furthermore, some offences such as online fraud never existed until recently.

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.