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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/03470

I write in connection with your request for information received on 26th June. I note you seek access to the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please can you let me know:

1. How many drug related deaths (accidental or purposeful) or harms to people, have been investigated after the person bought prescription drugs/medications online, please break this down to the calendar years below. Please separate out answers for legal and illegal websites. Please also indicate if it was a harm or a death that was investigated.

- a. 2013
- b. 2014
- c. 2015
- d. 2016
- e. 2017

2. How many arrests have been made in relation to people being harmed/dying after obtaining prescriptions drugs/medications online? Please break the answers down per calendar year below. Please also indicate for each answer if it was a harm or a death.

- a. 2013
- b. 2014
- c. 2015
- d. 2016
- e. 2017

3. How many times have you shared information with a force abroad over concerns related to an individual and the sale of medications online please break down for legal and illegal sites in the calendar years. Please provide detail on the type of concern.

- a. 2013
- b. 2014
- c. 2015
- d. 2016
- e. 2017

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

Q1 & Q2 – Hertfordshire Constabulary do not record causes of death. This is the decision of the coroner's office. Accordingly I have determined that the information you have requested is not recorded by Hertfordshire Constabulary.

Q3 - Hertfordshire Constabulary neither confirms nor denies that it holds information as the duty in Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply, by virtue of the following exemptions:

Section 23(5) – Information supplied by, or concerning, certain Security Bodies

Section 23 is a class based absolute exemptions. This means that the legislators have identified that there would be harm in disclosure and there is no need to evidence this or carry out a public interest test.

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.