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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/03587

I write in connection with your request for information received on 3rd July. I note you seek access to the following information:

Please can you provide a copy of your Force Management Statement.

Info on this can be found here: <https://www.justiceinspectors.gov.uk/hmicfrs/about-us/what-we-do/integrated-peel-assessments/force-management-statements/>

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 – The information you have requested is due to be published on the Hertfordshire Constabulary website. Please see the below link;

https://www.herts.police.uk/Search-Results?search_keywords=force%20management%20statement

Therefore the information requested is exempt under Section 22(2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 22 – Information Intended for Future Publications.

The Section 22 exemption is subject to the public interest test.

Factors in favour of disclosure

There is a public interest in how Hertfordshire Constabulary spend public money.

Factors in favour of non-disclosure

Disclosure of payments to our suppliers is published on our website to allow the general public to see where the forces money is spent. to publish this information in line with this Freedom of Information request would prove counterproductive.

Balance Test

Due to the pressures on the Force it is not in the public interest to prioritise police resources to allow information to be disclosed before the planned publication. Therefore the balancing test for disclosure is not made out.

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.