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**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/03629**

I write in connection with your request for information received on 4th July. I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1) **The number of acid attacks that happened in your force area in 2015, 2016, 2017 and up to now in 2018.**
- 2) **How many, if any, "acid response kits" have been issued to officers and how many of these have been used.**

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** – Please see the below table detailing the information you have requested.

Std Offence Description	Year	Acid?
ASSAULT-OCCASIONING ABH	2016	yes
DAMAGE OR DESTROY \$5000 OR LESS VEHICLE	2016	yes
CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT OFFENCE	2016	yes
SEX-CAUSING OR INCITING PROSTITUTION FOR GAIN	2016	yes
DAMAGE OR DESTROY \$5000 OR LESS VEHICLE	2016	yes
DAMAGE OR DESTROY \$5000 OR LESS VEHICLE	2016	yes
DAMAGE OR DESTROY \$5000 OR LESS VEHICLE	2016	yes
ASSAULT-OCCASIONING ABH	2016	yes
DAMAGE OR DESTROY \$5000 OR LESS VEHICLE	2016	yes
DAMAGE OR DESTROY \$5000 OR LESS VEHICLE	2017	yes
DAMAGE OR DESTROY \$5000 OR LESS VEHICLE	2017	yes
ASSAULT-COMMON BY BEATING/BATTERY - NON INJURY	2017	yes
DAMAGE OR DESTROY \$5000 OR LESS VEHICLE	2017	yes

ASSAULT-GBH S18 WOUND WITH INTENT	2017	yes
ASSAULT-GBH S18 WOUND WITH INTENT	2017	yes
ASSAULT-OCCASIONING ABH	2017	yes
ASSAULT-OCCASIONING ABH	2017	yes
ROBBERY-PERSONAL	2017	yes
ASSAULT-GBH S20 INFLICT	2017	yes
DAMAGE OR DESTROY \$5000 OR LESS VEHICLE	2018	yes
ASSAULT-GBH S18 CAUSE WITH INTENT	2018	yes
P.ORDER-THREAT,A'SVE,INSULT WD/BEHAV PROVOKE VI	2018	yes
DAMAGE OR DESTROY \$5000 OR LESS VEHICLE	2018	yes

**Q2** – All Hertfordshire Constabulary's marked vehicles are equipped with Acid Response kits. However the usage of these kits is not recorded.

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.