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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/03676

I write in connection with your request for information received on 5th July. I note you seek access to the following information:

Please could you conduct a free text search of your incident log on the words “catfish” and “catfishing”. Please can you tell me how many incidents containing the words “catfish” or “catfishing” were logged in the calendar years (1 Jan- 31 Dec) 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and so far in 2018?

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

Total Incidents by Calendar Year	Count
2013	1
2014	-
2015	1
2016	3
2017	4
2018	7
Total	16

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.