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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/01379

I write in connection with your request for information received on 13th March. I note you seek access to the following information:

I am submitting this request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. Please kindly acknowledge that you have received this request.

1. For the full year of 2017 (01/01/2017 - 31/12/2017) in total how many incidents and crimes did your police force record of:

- a) "honour" based violence?
- b) forced marriage?
- c) female genital mutilation?

2. If your police force records any of/ all of a)-c) together, for the full year of 2017 (01/01/2017 - 31/12/2017) in total how many incidents and crimes of "honour" based violence, forced marriage and female genital mutilation combined did your police force record?

3. For the full year of 2017 (01/01/2017 - 31/12/2017) in how many cases were criminal charges pressed which involved:

- a) "honour" based violence?
- b) forced marriage?
- c) female genital mutilation?

4. If your police force records any of/ all of a)-c) together, for the full year of 2017 (01/01/2017 - 31/12/2017) in how many cases of "honour" based violence, forced marriage and female genital mutilation were criminal charges pressed?

5. For the full year of 2017 (01/01/2017 - 31/12/2017) how many cases resulted in convictions involving:

- a) "honour" based violence?
- b) forced marriage?
- c) female genital mutilation?

6. If your police force records any of/ all of a)-c) together, for the full year of 2017 (01/01/2017 - 31/12/2017) in how many cases involving "honour" based violence, forced marriage and female genital mutilation were there convictions?

7. For the full year of 2017 (01/01/2017 - 31/12/2017) how many murder cases involving "honour" based violence did your police force record?

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 tables detailing the information you have requested.

Recorded Incidents and Crimes

Offence	Incidents	Crimes
Honour Based Violence	27	28
Forced Marriage	0	2
Female Genital Mutilation	0	0

Recorded Incidents and Crimes – combined

Offence	Incidents	Crimes
HBV & FM	0	2

Recorded Incidents and Crimes – combined

Offence	Crimes
Honour Based Violence	4
Forced Marriage	0
Female Genital Mutilation	0

Recorded Incidents and Crimes – combined – resulting in Charges

Class	Crimes
HBV & FM	0

Please note that Hertfordshire Constabulary do not record conviction data. This will be held by the Crown Prosecution Service.

Recorded Crimes of Murder

Offence	Crimes
Honour Based Violence	0
Forced Marriage	0
Female Genital Mutilation	0

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.