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**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/02336**

I write in connection with your request for information received on 1st May. I note you seek access to the following information:

**During the period of 1 January 2015 to 1 January 2018, how many Rape offences (HOCR: 19C and 19F) were:  
a) reclassified as Perverting the Course of Justice offences (HOCR: 79) or;  
b) cancelled and a new crime report of Perverting the Course of Justice (HOCR: 79) was raised to replace the original rape offence recorded?**

**[HOCR = Home Office Counting Rule]**

**Where possible, please provide details of the incident (redacting any identifying information); the gender and age of the individual concerned; the outcome of each incident (e.g. no action/investigation/prosecution) and the length of any potential sentence, where known.**

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** – Searches have been made within the constabulary for all Perverting the Course of Justice offences recorded during this period which has the MO 'reclassified' code – there were a total of 12 of these, none of which were reclassified from a rape offence.

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.