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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/02591

I write in connection with your request for information received on 12th May. I note you seek access to the following information:

I would like to receive the following information for the previous five years, with an annual breakdown. I also request a breakdown by specific offences (if available). In each case, please provide the maximum severity (eg speed, BAC), and/or details of the breakdown of any offence severity banding (eg speeding at 30mph over the limit) as applicable.

1) How many of your serving police officers were found to have committed what would ordinarily be considered to be traffic offences while on duty (eg caught on camera speeding or shot by a traffic policeman exceeding a speed limit)? Please exclude any cases where there was a bona fide blue light emergency, or where specific permission was otherwise given.

A) How many of the above were dealt with by means of internal disciplinary processes, rather than being charged or given a fixed penalty notice (FPN)? Please detail the internal sanctions used, eg restricted duties, dismissal, verbal warning etc.

B) In how many cases above was no action taken?

C) In how many cases above was a prosecution mounted, or FPN issued?

2) How many officers, both in work and outside of work (given separately), have been charged with motoring offences from your force?

3) What guidance exists for officers who stop or reprimand colleagues for motoring offences, both in work and out of work, to prevent unduly lenient treatment?

4) What is the policy for police officers (not on blue lights) who are caught by speed cameras and ATS cameras?

5) What is the procedure for complaints to be raised concerning any unduly lenient treatment of police officers and staff, specifically with regard to motoring offences?

6) What is your force's procedure for allowing the public to report officers for motoring offences, and what are the procedures for bringing charges or issuing FPNs in such circumstances?

7) Do you use police vehicle in-cab footage, dash cams or telematics to monitor officers' driving, and to identify offending by officers?

8) What complaints, if any, has your force received concerning unduly lenient treatment of motoring offences by officers?

9) How many accidents (minor, and separately KSI) have occurred with police officers driving in the course of their duties - excepting tactical stops and other deliberate operational maneuvers.

10) How many off duty police officers were involved in KSI collisions while driving off duty, and separately in non-emergency driving in work? How many of these were prosecuted?

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.

Number of Officers	Potential Offence on Duty	Method of dealing	Outcome
2	2 x Speeding	2 x Internal	1 x Resigned 1 x Management Action

Q2 – The PSD database has been searched for conduct cases that have been recorded in relation to off duty road traffic matters using the same criteria as above i.e. data period 1/1/2013 to 31/5/2018. Finalised cases only. For complete transparency the number who has notified to PSD that they have received an NIP for an off-duty driving offence has also been included.

Number of officers charged	Number who have reported receiving a NIP
0	30

Q3 – Code of Ethics

Q4 – When a drive is identified through normal channels then the NIP is issued to them personally.

Q5 – Standard complaints procedures for any member of the public.

Q6 – If not witnessed by a Police Officer there has to be 2 independent witnesses to any offence.

Q7 – Various monitoring devices are used, none to specifically identify offending by officers.

Q8 – Nil return

Q9 – Please see the below table detailing the information you have requested.

Year	Damage Only	Serious	Slight
2016	264	8	61
2017	283	5	41
2018*	101	3	18

N.B – We are unable to decipher whether the collisions occurred whilst on duty or on tactical stops. This information would require our data analyst to look at each record individually which would exceed the 18 hour appropriate cost limit as stated in the Freedom of Information Act.

Q10 – Hertfordshire Constabulary do not record the occupation of individuals involved in accidents.

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.