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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/02885

I write in connection with your request for information received on 29th May. I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1. Can you please tell me how many people were arrested in your police force area in the years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 under either -- Section 120 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Police Act (2014), which makes breaking a Forced Marriage Protection Order a criminal offence; -- Section 121 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act (2014), which makes the act of forced marriage a criminal offence in England and Wales.**
- 2. Can you please tell me how many people were arrested on suspicion of section 120 and 121 offences and report them to me for the years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017?**
- 3. Could you please also report the outcomes -- i.e. how many were charged and bailed to court, charged and detained for court, received postal requisitions, etc.**

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 – There is one arrest identified which specify SUS. S121 ASB/CD ACT FORCED;MARRIAGE in the reason for arrest, the offence was MARRIAGE – PRACTISE DECEPT INTEND CAUSE PERS LEAVE UK FORCED the arrest was made in 2017.

There have been 2 additional arrests in 2015 for the offence of MARRIAGE - PRACTISE DECEPT INTEND CAUSE PERS LEAVE UK FORCED but the reasons for arrest did not mention S121 or S120. The arrest reasons for these offences were FORCED MARRIAGE and SUSPICIAN TO REMOVE CHILD FROM: THE PURPOSES OF ARRANGED MARRIAGE

Q2 – For the SUS.S121 ASB/CD ACT FORCED;MARRIAGE in 2017 1 arrest.

Q3 – The arrest was not linked to any crime relating to forced marriage offences.

The numerical data presented in this response is an un-audited snapshot of unpublished data sourced from "live" systems and is subject to the interpretation of the original request by the individual extracting the data.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.