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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/03050

I write in connection with your request for information received on 4th June. I note you seek access to the following information:

Please can you tell me how many police officers in your force have been under investigation for perpetrating domestic abuse related incidents in each of the years 2017, 2016, and 2015.

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 – Following enquiries within the Constabulary please see our response below to your clarified request.

The Professional Standards Department database has been searched. There is not a specific recording category within Professional Standards for 'domestic abuse' therefore all allegations recorded have been searched using a text search for 'assault', 'domestic' and 'abuse' and then considered to ascertain if relevant to your request;

	Number of reports	Type and summary of incident	Outcome	Referred
April 2015 to April 2016	2	Discreditable conduct / Crime Special constable committed offence of domestic assault and harassment	Criminal caution. Dismissed from Special Constabulary	No
		Equality and diversity / Crime PCSO arrested for domestic related racially aggravated harassment to [REDACTED]	NFA crime. First written warning	No
April 2016 to April 2017	4	Discreditable conduct / Crime Allegation of common assault on partner	NFA for crime and conduct	No
		Discreditable conduct / Crime Allegation of domestic common assault	NFA for crime and conduct	No
		Discreditable conduct / Crime Allegation of coercive and controlling behaviour	NFA for crime and conduct	No
		Discreditable conduct / Crime Special constable has received criminal caution for common assault on [REDACTED]	Caution. Special constable resigned prior to proceedings	No

April 2017 to April 2018	1	Discreditable conduct/ Crime Allegation of domestic sexual assault	NFA for crime. Officer resigned .	Yes
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The redactions noted on the table are exempt by virtue of Section 40 of the Freedom of the Information Act. Section 40 is in relation to personal information and full disclosure will risk identifying parties which will contravene the Data Protection principles.

Section 40 of The Act is a class based absolute exemption and as such the legislators have identified that there would be harm in disclosure and there is no need to evidence this or carry out a public interest test.

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.