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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/00468

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

I would like to find out how many Road Traffic Collisions classified as "hit-and-run" or "driver failed to stop" were recorded by the force between January 1st, 2012 and the date of this request. Such information may have been included in a Road Traffic Collision report, for example.

Of those, how many were fatal;

How many incidents resulted in drivers being charged, and how many resulted in a fine/penalty;

The ages of individuals charged with a hit-and-run in the same period.

Hit-and-run refers to drivers failing to stop after being involved in a collision.

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 - We cannot provide all this data and it attempt to provide all that I do have would take more than the allowed timeframe. I have tried to provide the number of FTS where I could.

The previous collision recording system did not allow our data analyst to pull reports which might indicate if a collision was a Fail to Stop.

Since April 2016 we have used a different system which allows such reports.

So between 1st April 2016 – 31st January 2018

3 x Fatal
80 x Serious
759 x Slight
5745 x Damage only

Because the system changed we can no longer without looking at each recorded case determine which force area's collisions have been sent to court.

There were 1,000 defendants in 2016 sent to court across the three forces, we would have to look at each one individually to see which force area they were and then if we had the court result listed and pull the age of the individual charged. There were over 1000 in 2017.

It takes approx. 55 seconds to look at the records and determine force area and age with 2000 collisions to look at that is approx. 28 hours and only covers 2016 and 2017.

So this request is over the timeframe required.

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.