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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/00538

I write in connection with your request for information received on 31st January. I note you seek access to the following information:

I would like to make a FoI Act request please. It relates to the number of sexual offences reported to your police force where the location of the alleged offence is in a hospital, surgery or medical centre. I would like to know the number of sexual offences reported to have taken place in hospitals, surgeries or medical centres over the past three years please.

- 1. How many reports of sexual offences were recorded to have taken place in hospitals, surgeries or medical centres over the last year please? (2017, or 2016-17, or however statistics are reported).**
- 2. How many reports of sexual offences were recorded to have taken place in hospitals, surgeries or medical centres in the year 2016 (or 2015-16).**
- 3. How many reports of sexual offences were recorded to have taken place in hospitals, surgeries or medical centres in the year 2015 (or 2014-15).**

If you are also able to add in a breakdown of the type of sexual offences recorded in hospitals, surgeries or medical centres, that would also be helpful please.

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

Attachment – FOI2018 00538 Annexe A

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.