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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/00662

I write in connection with your request for information received on 6th February. I note you seek access to the following information:

I am emailing from the charity Acid Survivors Trust International to kindly request statistics on corrosive fluid offences recorded in the Hertfordshire area. Statistics like these are integral to our work in seeking to prevent future attacks.

- 1. I would like to request the number of offences where the feature code 'CB – Noxious or corrosive fluid used e.g. acid thrown' is recorded on the crime log between 1st January 2017 and 31st December 2017 inclusive, broken down by month where possible; and**
- 2. The percentage and or number of said offences mentioned in 1. that were recorded as Violent Offences within the category 'Violence Against the Person' also broken down by month; and**
- 3. Where available the percentage and or number of said offences mentioned in 1. that were flagged as Hate Crimes also broken down by month; and**
- 4. The ethnicity, age and gender of victims of the said Violent Offences mentioned in 2. broken down by month; and**
- 5. The ethnicity, age and gender of suspects in the said Violent Offences mentioned in 2. broken down by month; and**
- 6. The outcomes of the said Violent Offences mentioned in 2. broken down by month; and**
- 7. Of the said positive outcomes mentioned in 6. the ethnicity, age and gender of suspects broken down by month.**

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.

Month	No of Offences
04/2017	1
05/2017	2
07/2017	1
09/2017	1
10/2017	5
11/2017	2
12/2017	1
Total	13

Q2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 – Please see the below table detailing the information you have requested.

Recorded Date	Victim Gender	Victim Ethnicity	Victim Age	Suspect Gender	Suspect Ethnicity	Suspect Age	Outcome
Jul-17	Female	White British	35	Female	Mixed	16	NAMED SUSPECT

					White and Asian		EVIDENTIAL DIFFICULTIES
Sep-17	Female	White British	17	Male	White British	22	ALTERNATE OFFENCE CHARGES/SUMMONSED
Oct-17	Male	Black/British African	20	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	INVESTIGATION COMPLETE NO SUSPECT
Oct-17	Male	Unknown	20	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	INVESTIGATION COMPLETE NO SUSPECT
Oct-17	Male	Any Other Black	19	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	INVESTIGATION COMPLETE NO SUSPECT
Oct-17	Male	Unknown	19	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	INVESTIGATION COMPLETE NO SUSPECT
Nov-17	Female	Any Other Asian	19	Male	White British	20	Unassigned
May-17	Male	White British	45	Male	White-Nor Euro	Unknown	SUSPECT NOT ID VICTIM UNSUPPORTIVE
May-17	Male	White British	32	Male	White & Black Caribbean	19	CHARGED/SUMMONSED
Nov-17	Male	White British	21	Male	White British	63	Unassigned
Dec-17	Female	White British	46	Female	White British	17	CAUTION - YOUTHS

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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.