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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/00782

I write in connection with your request for information received on 13th February. I note you seek access to the following information:

To whom it may concern, I would like to make the following freedom of information request: Please provide the following information for the years 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017. How many reported offences were recorded which were linked to the use of dating 'apps' or websites (for example, Tinder, Grindr, Happn, Match.com, Bumble etc). Please break down by offence type and provide details of which named 'app' or website was involved in each offence.

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.

Recorded Date	Standard Offence Description	Dating App/Website
January 2016	MAL COMMS – SEND LETTER/COMM/ARTICLE THREAT MESS	GRINDR
March 2016	SEX – MALE UNDER 16 OFFENDER 18 OR OVER PENETRATI	GRINDR
March 2016	MAL COMMS – SEND LETTER/COMM/ARTICLE IND/OFF MESS	GRINDR
January 2017	SEX – ARRANGE COMMISSION OF A CHILD SEX OFFENCE	GRINDR

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.