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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/01836

I write in connection with your request for information received on 5th April. I note you seek access to the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please can you provide me with the following datasets:

1) Please provide, in .csv or .xls format, a list of the following data about firearm crime offences for the calendar years 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017.

- The date of the offence
- The major crime category (e.g. violence against the person, possession of weapons)
- The minor crime category (e.g. wounding / GBH, theft from person)
- The latitude and longitude of the offence*

2) Please provide, in .csv or .xls format, a list the following details about knife crime offences for the calendar years 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017.

- The date of the crime
- The major crime category (e.g. violence against the person, possession of weapons)
- The minor crime category (e.g. wounding / GBH, theft from person)
- The latitude and longitude of the offence*

Note - the location data I'm seeking is released in this format through the API on data.police.uk

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. **Response** - Following enquiries within the Constabulary please see our response below.

Please see the attached FOI2018 01836 Annexe A document which is relevant to your request. **Please note** – The crime information system does not record crime in the format of latitude or longitude. The date of a crime combined with specific location details is highly likely to identify individuals including victims of crime and such information is exempt under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act. Therefore, data has been provided to a Community Safety Partnership (CSP) level, which is similar or equivalent to Local Authority level and broken down by month.

Categories of crime are built into the system and although there is no category for major or minor crime, the categories searched have been provided in Annexe A to assist you. Please see the link below to the Police.UK website which gives further information concerning data anonymisation; <https://data.police.uk/about/#anonymisation>

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.