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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/01889

I write in connection with your request for information received on 9th April. I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1. Please provide the number of arrests made under the Psychoactive Substances Act since May 2016, broken down by month and by the offence suspected of being committed. This information should be available by conducting a search of the NSPIS for CJS codes that begin with 'PS160'.**
- 2. Please also provide the number of these arrests where nitrous oxide was the substance in question. This information should be available by searching the above records for the following terms:**

**Laughing gas
Nitrous oxide
NOS
NO2
Canisters
Gas canisters
Balloons**

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;

Hertfordshire Constabulary do not use the information system you have detailed in your request. Please see FOI2018 01889 Annex A on page 2, which is the information held by the Constabulary relevant to your request. A free text field search was conducted for the terms you have provided in question 2 which failed to locate any records or data.

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.

MONTH/YEAR	OFFENCE	BEAT	ARRESTED
2016			
August	DRUGS-POSSESS A PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCE INT SUPP	B2E	Y
August	DRUGS-POSSESS A PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCE INT SUPP	B2H	Y
August	DRUGS-POSSESS A PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCE INT SUPP	B2F	Y
August	DRUGS-POSSESS A PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCE INT SUPP	B2F	Y
August	DRUGS-SUPPLY A PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCE	B2E	Y
September	DRUGS-POSSESS A PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCE INT SUPP	C4B	Y
September	DRUGS-POSSESS A PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCE INT SUPP	B2B	N
October	DRUGS-OFFER TO SUPPLY A PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCE	B2E	N
October	DRUGS-PRODUCE A PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCE	F1K	Y
November	DRUGS-POSSESS A PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCE INT SUPP	C1N	Y
December	DRUGS-SUPPLY A PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCE	D1P	Y
2017			
January	DRUGS-OFFER TO SUPPLY A PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCE	K2F	N
July	DRUGS-SUPPLY A PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCE	A6D	Y
April	DRUGS-SUPPLY A PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCE	B2E	Y
May	DRUGS-POSSESS A PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCE INT SUPP	B2E	Y