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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/01958

I write in connection with your request for information received on 11th April. I note you seek access to the following information:

ORIGINAL REQUEST

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to know:

1. The number of reports of domestic abuse-related incidents and domestic-abuse offences (also known as domestic violence), allegedly committed by police officers, community support officers and other police staff, that have been received by your police force annually, over the last 3 years up to and including the present day (12th April 2015 to 11th April 2018)
2. The type of each report
3. The outcome(s) of each report
4. Whether each report was referred to the IOPC (formerly known as the IPCC)
5. Your policies and procedures concerning police officer & staff domestic abuse-related criminal offences

CLARIFIED REQUEST

1. I am looking for reports of of domestic abuse-related incidents and domestic-abuse offences (also known as domestic violence), allegedly committed by police officers, community support officers and other police staff employed by your own police force. (If you have received additional reports involving police staff employed by other police forces, and you could detail that separately I would appreciate it, but that is not essential.)
2. By 'type' of report, I mean the category/name each report falls under.
3. As below
4. As below
5. I would like all of your policies relating to domestic abuse incidents, even if they are not about domestic abuse by police staff specifically, and misconduct/criminal behaviour by police staff. If you do have any policies specifically concerning domestic abuse by police staff (for example, I believe Gloucestershire Police does) I would of course like them too 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.

Response - Following enquiries within the Constabulary please see our response below to your clarified request.

The Professional Standards Department database has been searched. There is not a specific recording category within Professional Standards for 'domestic abuse' therefore all allegations recorded have been searched using a text search for 'assault', 'domestic' and 'abuse' and then considered to ascertain if relevant to your request;

	Number of reports	Type and summary of incident	Outcome	Referred
April 2015 to April 2016	2	Discreditable conduct / Crime Special constable committed	Criminal caution. Dismissed from Special Constabulary	No

		offence of domestic assault and harassment Equality and diversity / Crime PCSO arrested for domestic related racially aggravated harassment to [REDACTED]	NFA crime. First written warning	No
April 2016 to April 2017	4	Discreditable conduct / Crime Allegation of common assault on partner Discreditable conduct / Crime Allegation of domestic common assault Discreditable conduct / Crime Allegation of coercive and controlling behaviour Discreditable conduct / Crime Special constable has received criminal caution for common assault on [REDACTED]	NFA for crime and conduct NFA for crime and conduct NFA for crime and conduct Caution. Special constable resigned prior to proceedings	No No No No
April 2017 to April 2018	1	Discreditable conduct/ Crime Allegation of domestic sexual assault	NFA for crime. Officer resigned .	Yes

The redactions noted on the table are exempt by virtue of Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 40 is in relation to personal information and full disclosure will risk identifying parties which will contravene the Data Protection principles.

Section 40 of The Act is a class based absolute exemption and as such the legislators have identified that there would be harm in disclosure and there is no need to evidence this or carry out a public interest test.

Please see the attached FOI2018 01958 Annex A document for the relevant policy information.

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.