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**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/01986**

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

**Could you please provide me with all use of force data collected from 1st April 2017 – 1st April 2018.**

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** – All police forces within England and Wales are required to publish recorded Use of Force data, using a standard template, into the public domain on at least a quarterly basis. Please see the most recent stats that are available using the below link;

<https://www.herts.police.uk/Information-and-services/About-us/Transparency/Statistics/Use-of-force>

Please note that the stats for the final of quarter of 2017/18 are to be published and available on the force website as of Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

This information is therefore exempt from disclosure under s21 of the Freedom of Information Act, Information Reasonably Accessible by Other Means.

Section 21 provides that where information is available to you from another source we do not have to provide further copies.

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.