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**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/06164**

I write in connection with your request for information received on 26th October. I note you seek access to the following information:

**The Home Secretary has statutory powers to routinely request data from every police force in England and Wales. The Annual Data Requirement (ADR) stipulates a list of all the categories of data that may be requested, which individual forces must provide.**

**I wish to know the following under Freedom of Information:**

- 1) What is the explanatory guidance that has been given to Hertfordshire police about what information to record in the 'gender' category of the ADR?
- 2) In the gender category of the ADR does your police force record a victim or suspects natal sex (the sex they were assigned at birth), their legal sex (the sex on their birth certificate), or their self-declared gender identity?
- 3) If a male-born person self-identifies as female will this be recorded by you in the ADR as female or male?
- 4) If a male-born person self-identifies as non-binary will this be recorded by you in the ADR as female or male or something else?
- 5) If someone is transgender (identifies as a different gender to the sex assigned at birth) is this recorded by you separately in the ADR.
- 6) If a male-born person self-identifies as female and is arrested/convicted for the crime of rape will you record the gender of the suspect/perpetrator in the ADR as male or female.

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** - Hertfordshire Constabulary classes the gender of a victim or offender how they self- identify themselves. At this present time there are no definitions regarding this new type of recording although there are plans to review this in the future.

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.