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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/06255

I write in connection with your request for information received on 31st October. I note you seek access to the following information:

Can I find out the below information under the Fol Act please?

- 1. How many crimes involving 'sex for rent' have been reported to your force in 2016? 2017? 2018? (I.e. where the term 'sex for rent' has been mentioned in the MO field of a crime report?)**
- 2. If possible and within the cost limit, of these reported crimes can I find out how many led to prosecutions, convictions and acquittals (again broken down by year).**

To clarify, if question 2 takes the request over cost limit, or you cannot find that information out, then please can I find out the answer to question 1 alone 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.

Following enquiries within the Constabulary please see our response below.

Response

Q1 – 0 crimes in 2016, 2017 and 2018 mentioned 'sex for rent' in the MO. 0 crimes in 2016, 2017 and 2018 mentioned both 'sex' and 'rent' in a context of sexual activity as a payment for accommodation.

Q2 - 0

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.