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**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/03776**

I write in connection with your request for information received on 12th July. I note you seek access to the following information:

**I wish to make a request under the FOI Act to obtain Force data on the number of disclosure requests made under the Child Sex Offender Disclosure Scheme (CSOD) since the national roll out of the scheme in 2011.**

- 1. Number of CSOD enquiries received from 2011 – present**
- 2. Number of CSOD enquiries proceeded with as disclosure applications from 2011 - present**
- 3. Number of disclosures made concerning a child sexual offender as a result of a CSOD application from 2011 – present**
- 4. Number of enquires resulting in a none disclosure as a result of a CSOD application from 2011 - present**
- 5. Number of other disclosures made as a result of a CSOD application (i.e. concerning someone who is NOT a child sexual offender) from 2011 – present**
- 6. If known, the number of arrests made as a result of a CSOD application due to new information concerning breaches/new crimes etc. from 2011 - present**

**If the above information could be broken down into yearly figures since the schemes' introduction it would be much appreciated.**

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 –** In order to collate the information that you have requested would take longer than the appropriate time limit of 18 hours as this information is not centrally recorded. Each individual CSOD enquiry since 2011 would need manually checking to gather the information requested.

Unfortunately this means it is not possible to suggest a way to refine this request, as even if the date range were reduced it would still require hundreds of records to be manually checked.

We therefore, consider that the cost of complying with your request for information would exceed the appropriate limit of £450 as has been stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees & Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides that –  
“Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.”

Section 17(5) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Hertfordshire Constabulary, when refusing to provide such information (because the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit) to provide you the applicant with a notice which states that fact.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

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.