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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/05093

I write in connection with your request for information received on 10th September. I note you seek access to the following information:

I am making the following request under the Freedom of Information Act. I would be very grateful indeed if you could please provide me with the answers to the following questions.

- 1. How many people did your force release on pre-charge police bail between 3rd April 2016 and 2nd April 2017? If possible, please can you state the average length of time these people were on bail for.**
- 2. How many people did your force release on pre-charge police bail between 3rd April 2017 and 2nd April 2018? If possible, please can you state the average length of time these people were on bail for.**
- 3. How many people did your force release 'under investigation' by the police between 3rd April 2017 and 2nd April 2018? If possible, please can you state the average length of time these people were under investigation prior to being charged or charges being dropped.**

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 – Please see the below table detailing the information you have requested.

Please note: - The Custody data used here is 'live' and as such subject to change. A year end snapshot has been used to provide the data so the dates are based on the financial year. The figures are banded into groups – unfortunately it is not possible to back calculate actual figures from the data.

Pre-Charge Bails Open as at Year End

| Year | 1-28 days | 1-3 Months | 4-6 Months | 6 Months + |
|---------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| 2016/17 | N/A | 987 | 154 | 83 |
| 2017/18 | 24 | 49 | 3 | 1 |

Released Under Investigations Open as at Year End

| Year | 1-28 Days | 1-3 Months | 4-6 Months | 6 Months + |
|---------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| 2016/17 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 2017/18 | 232 | 796 | 595 | 433 |

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.