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Our Ref: FOI2018/05571

**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/05571**

I write in connection with your request for information received on 2nd October. I note you seek access to the following information:

**I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information regarding the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014, from 2015-18. If this information is already publicly available or you might be able to guide me to another information source, any advice would be gladly received.**

- 1. Please provide the number of dispersals excluding an individual(s) from a public area, issued by your police force under section 35 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014 for the financial years 2015-16 – 2017-18.**
- 2. Of these dispersals, please provide the number of individuals who: a. Were dispersed for begging related anti-social behaviour b. Were dispersed for begging related anti-social behaviour and were listed as having 'No Fixed Address' c. Were listed as having 'No Fixed Address'**
- 3. Of these dispersals who were listed as 'No Fixed Address', please provide the number of individuals who: a. Were subsequently charged with an offence for breaching the PSPO b. Were issued a fine for begging related anti-social behaviour and where possible please provide the cost of each fine given**

**If the request exceeds costing limits set out under the act, please advise how I can refine my request. Alternatively, please amend this request to just the financial year 2017-18.**

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** – 2015-16 = No data available  
2016-17 = 48  
2017-18 = 77

**Q2** – 0 (zero) – S.35 are not authorised in relation to begging and as such there is no data.

**Q3**

- a** - 0 (zero) PSCO breaches would be prosecuted by local authority
- b** – 0 (zero) No fines would be issued by the police for begging offences

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.