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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/04563

I write in connection with your request for information received on 15th August. I note you seek access to the following information:

Can you give me the number of 'assaults with a knife/sharp instrument" in each of 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 to date?

OR

How many instances of knife crime did you record in each of 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 to date?

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 tables detailing the inform

Assaults involving Knife/Bladed Object

Year	Total
2013	102
2014	171
2015	220
2016	267
2017	349
2018	120

Total Knife/Bladed Object Crime

Year	Total
2013	298
2014	462
2015	521
2016	764
2017	921
2018	338

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.