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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/04608

I write in connection with your request for information received on 16th August. I note you seek access to the following information:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In order to assist with this request I am outlining my query as specifically as possible.

How many officers do you have in your Neighbourhood Policing Teams (Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team) in the each of the past eight years? For clarity, I am referring to 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Please break the number of officers down by rank in each of the years.

Please also state how many traffic officers are on at any given time. How many were employed in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018?

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 – The figures provided are at the end of each financial year. The rank of each officer is not recorded.

Headcount of Neighbourhood team Officers (all ranks):

- 31/03/2010 = 230
- 31/03/2011 = 223
- 31/03/2012 = 221
- 31/03/2013 = 225
- 31/03/2014 = 218
- 31/03/2015 = 211
- 31/03/2016 = 215
- 31/03/2017 = 223
- 31/03/2018 = 239

Q2 – Roads Policing has changed significantly in structure over the past 10 years. The unit has incorporated a number of different policing roles including Crash Investigators, Air support and Traffic Management. However, the numbers quoted in this request are only counting Officers specifically with 'Road Policing Unit' in their job title, meaning that they will be out on regular patrol.

Road Policing is now a collaborative unit, meaning that it combines the resources of 3 Forces. Initially the road policing function between Herts and Beds was collaborated in 2011, with Cambs joining later. The Officer numbers quoted below are for the Herts element only, and therefore exclude resources available from the other 2 forces.

Headcount of **Herts RPU** Officers (all ranks):

- 31/03/2010 = 98
- 31/03/2011 = 97 (further resources available from **Beds** from this year onwards)

- 31/03/2012 = 92
- 31/03/2013 = 84
- 31/03/2014 = 67 (*further resources available from **Beds & Cambs** from this year onwards*)
- 31/03/2015 = 67
- 31/03/2016 = 59
- 31/03/2017 = 64
- 31/03/2018 = 67

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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