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**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/04880**

I write in connection with your request for information received on 29th August. I note you seek access to the following information:

**Can you please provide me - in an excel file (please make sure it's an excel file and not a PDF, WORD or in the body of the email) -**

**1) For the 48 hour period of 31st October to 1st November 2017, a record of all crime reports you received that mentioned the phrase 'trick-or-treat' or 'trick or treat'.**

**For each one, please detail:**

- a) the police division/local policing unit/neighbourhood in which it took place**
- b) the time it was reported**
- c) a description of the incident**
- d) the crime outcome**

**Please conduct this search of your records with and without hyphens for 'trick or treat'.**

**Please begin the search at 00:00 on 31st October and end it at 23:59 on 1st November.**

**2) A record of all crime reports you received where people were wearing fancy dress costumes for the last 3 financial year (2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18).**

**I would like the following details for each incident:**

- 1. The date and location of the incident**
- 2. The type(s) of fancy dress costume(s) involved**
- 3. The nature of the incident - e.g. suspicious circumstances, criminal damage - and, if possible, a brief description of what occurred.**
- 4. The outcome of the incident - e.g. whether anybody was arrested, cautioned etc**

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 – Hertfordshire Constabulary has conducted a search of our systems and collated the following information:

- 1) Please see the attached document – **Annex A FOI2018 04880**
- 2) Hertfordshire Constabulary does not have a category for recording if fancy dress costumes are worn. Therefore no information is held.

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.