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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/01771

I write in connection with your request for information received on 3rd April. I note you seek access to the following information:

I would like to submit the following request under the Freedom of Information Act (2000). During the period of 1 January 2015 to 1 January 2018:

How many cases involving false rape complaints did you refer to the CPS for charging decisions (sometimes known as 'Pre-Charge Advice'), under Perverting the Course of Justice or Wasting Police Time? Please provide a breakdown by year and of the suspects' age, charge and where known, if the referral resulted in prosecution.

How much money has been spent by the police force in investigating these false allegations of rape? Please provide a breakdown by year.

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.

Response - Following enquiries within the Constabulary please see our response below;

Year	Offence	Suspects Age
2016	Police - Cause Wasteful Employment	18
2017	Police - Cause Wasteful Employment	23
		41
		36
		39

None of the above offences resulted in a charge. 1 investigation is currently ongoing. Prosecution data is not held by the Constabulary. No data is held by the Constabulary concerning the individual cost of each investigation listed above. 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.