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Our Ref: FOI2019/01776

Dear Requestor

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/01776

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

Please could you provide us with the total number of violent crimes (including but not limited to: common assault, robbery, sexual offences, use of an offensive weapon, hate crime, knife crime, arson) which occurred in pharmacy or chemist retail premises;

- 1 January – 31 December 2016
- 1 January – 31 December 2017
- 1 January – 31 December 2018

If the information is available, we would also like to know:

- **How the crime was classified/the nature of the crime,**
- **When the incident occurred,**
- **If any weapons were used, what they were,**
- **Any products/items targeted if a robbery occurred,**
- **Whether injury was caused, and**
- **Whether any suspects were arrested or cautioned in relation to the crime.**

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 conducted by Bedfordshire Police and their crime databases please see our response on the attached document marked as **Annex A – FOI2019 01776**.

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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Bedfordshire Police 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 Bedfordshire Police 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.