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Our Ref: FOI2018/07265

Dear Requestor

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/07265

I write in connection with your request for information received on 19th December. I note you seek access to the following information:

1/ For each of the last five full financial years (including 2017/18), on how many occasions have police officers used force, broken down by the following categories?

- a) All types of force
- b) Taser
- c) Spit hoods/ spit and bite guard
- d) Restraint
- e) Firearms
- f) Irritant spray

It's appreciated that parts b-f are only elements of the total figure for a) and will not add up to that figure.

2/ For each of the last five full financial years (including 2017/18), how many investigations into police misconduct concerning use of force by the police force's officers have been dealt with

- a) in total,
- b) by the IPCC or IOPC,
- c) Internally by local resolution
- d) Internally by the force's professional standards departments

3/ For each of the last five full financial years (including 2017/18), how many investigations into police misconduct concerning use of force by the police force's officers have been upheld by

- a) in total,
- b) by the IPCC or IOPC
- b) Internally by local resolution
- c) Internally by the force's professional standards departments

4/ For each of the last five full financial years (including 2017/18), how many investigations into police misconduct concerning use of force by the police force's officers, which were dealt with by the IPCC/IPOC, have led to the following sanctions:

- a) management advice
- b) written warning
- c) final written warning
- d) dismissal with notice
- e) dismissal without notice

5/ For each of the last five full financial years (including 2017/18), how many investigations into police misconduct concerning use of force by the police force's officers, which were dealt with internally by the force's professional standards departments, have led to the following sanctions:

- a) management advice
- b) written warning
- c) final written warning
- d) dismissal with notice
- e) dismissal without notice

6/ For each of the last five full financial years (including 2017/18), how many investigations into police misconduct concerning use of force by the police force's officers have been successfully appealed which were dealt with by:

a) IPCC or IOPC

b) Internally by local resolution

c) Internally by the force's professional standards departments

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 Force please see our response below.

Response – Bedfordshire Police has conducted a search for the information requested. The data provided for Questions 2-6 includes police officers and staff as this is not recorded separately and would take in excess of the 18 hour limit for us to manually search through. Please see the attached document.

Attachment – Annex A FOI2018 07265

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.