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Our Ref: FOI2019/00044

Dear Requestor

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/00044

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

- How much money was spent in 2018 on hire vehicles for the police force?
- How much money was spent in 2017 on hire vehicles for the police force?
- How many vehicles were hired in 2018?
- How many vehicles were hired in 2017?
- What were the vehicles used for if known?

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 of their systems and collated the following information: -

- £238,241.93 for 2018-19 to date (1st April 2018 – 30th Nov 18)
- £173,740.16 for 2017-18 (1st April 2017 – 31st March 2018)
- The number of vehicles hired for 2018-19 to date (1st April 2018 – 30th Nov 18) was **172**. (This number is calculated using the different Hire Vehicle Registration numbers and not the amount of vehicle hire contracts- as it is possible a single contract hire for one vehicle could have more than 1 vehicle issued)
- The number of vehicles hired for 2017-18 (1st April 2017 – 31st March 2018) was **159**. (This number is calculated using the different Hire Vehicle Registration numbers and not the amount of vehicle hire contracts- as it is possible a single contract hire for one vehicle could have more than 1 vehicle issued)
- Most hire vehicles are used for operational use.

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.