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## REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/04191

I write in connection with your request for information received on 28th June. I note you seek access to the following information:

### More thorough and intimate searches

The information being sought relates to the datasets gathered by various public safety bodies in your area, as well as data gathered for any strategic crime data analysis software.

This information is sought under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000). In the year ending 31 March 2018 in your police force area:

1. What was the total number of stop and searches for all reasons, where a more thorough search occurred (PACE code A 3.6), by (self-defined) ethnic group, gender and age?
2. What was the total number of stop and searches for all reasons, where a search involved exposure of intimate parts of the body (PACE Code A 3.7), by (self-defined) ethnic group, gender and age?
3. What was the total number of stop and searches for drugs (section 1 Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and section 23(2) Misuse of Drugs Act 1971), where a more thorough search occurred (PACE code A 3.6), by (self-defined) ethnic group, gender and age?
4. What was the total number of stop and searches for drugs (section 1 Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and section 23(2) Misuse of Drugs Act 1971), where a search involved exposure of intimate parts of the body (PACE Code A 3.7), by (self-defined) ethnic group, gender and age?

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 Performance Unit within the Force please see our response on the document attached and marked as **Annex A – FOI2019 04191**.

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.