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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2020/03519

THIS IS A TR-FORCE RESPONSE ON BEHALF OF BEDFORDSHIRE POLICE, CAMBRIDGESHIRE & HERTFORDSHIRE CONSTABULARIES.

I write in connection with your request for information received on 26th June. I note you seek access to the following information:

I am after information relating to your police force and Operation SNAP.

In particular, are you able to provide me with:

- 1) **Is your police force a part of Operation SNAP, or does it have a similar, bespoke system in place through which members of the public can upload video footage from dash cams of traffic offences, which officers can then review and determine whether to directly issue a Fixed Penalty Notice/Driver Awareness Course (or similar)/Court Prosecution or warning?**
- 2) **If your police force is a part of Operation SNAP, or has a similar system in place as described in Question 1), could you please provide the following:**
 - **Number of video footages sent to you**
 - **Number of fixed penalty notices (FPNs) issued from evidence submitted via Operation SNAP or a similar system**
 - **Number of court prosecutions issued from evidence submitted via Operation SNAP or a similar system**
 - **Number of Driver Awareness Courses (or any other driver improvement course) issued from evidence submitted via Operation SNAP or a similar system**

Could you please provide answers to Question 2) for the following calendar years:

2017

2018

2019

2020 – up to the latest month available.

If your force has not been a part of Operation SNAP, or not had its own equivalent system as described in Question 1), since 2017, please provide figures from the year the programme started.

If your database works under a Fiscal Year calendar, please provide figures to the corresponding fiscal years

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, Cambridgeshire & Hertfordshire Constabularies and their collaborated Cameras, Tickets & Collisions Unit within the Forces please see our response below.

1: No, Bedfordshire Police, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire constabularies are not part of Operation Snap. We have a similar system please see the police website links below. Members of the public submit a statement and they can then be contacted and invited to upload their footage to a secure site.

<https://www.bedfordshire.police.uk/report/Report-Shared/Report-anti-social-driving-with-video-evidence>

<https://www.herts.police.uk/report/Report-Shared/Report-anti-social-driving-with-video-evidence>

2: The facility for members of the public to be able to share footage with us was initiated in late 2018 so data relates to 2019 and Jan-June 2020. Below are BCH figures, to review and separate these would make the request over cost.

	2019	2020
Number of videos requested:	1,220	686
Retraining Courses completed	261	23
Sent to court	34	0
Conditional Offer complied with	75	27

*** Many of the 2020 offences are not yet completed. The outcome is only recorded once it has been finalised ***

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.