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Date: 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Fraser Innes

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPLICATION REFERENCE NO: ICDS/FOI/005920/17**

Thank you for your request for information received by Lancashire Constabulary on 07/12/2017 which was as follows:

***Could you please provide me with the number of Islamophobic hate crimes reported between 1st January 2015 and 30th November 2017 broken down by the date they were reported.***

Your request has now been considered and some of the information you are seeking can be found below:

We extracted the data from our crime recording system using the following parameters:

- Crimes recorded between 1st January 2015 and 30th November 2017
- Crimes recorded as above with a crime state that is NOT equal to 'N' (No Crime).
- Crimes recorded as above with a home office classification not in the following incident classes ('5550','7777','8830','8840','8850','8860','8870','8880','8890')
- Crimes recorded as above with a 'religiously aggravated' marker.
- Crimes recorded as above with a religious code of '15 – Islam'

The table below shows the number of Islamophobic hate crimes reported between 1st January 2015 and 30th November 2017 broken down by month and year:-

Number of Islamophobic hate crimes reported			
Month/Year	2015	2016	2017
January	2	3	2
February	11	4	1
March	1	3	5
April	4	1	3
May	0	3	7
June	3	1	13
July	5	9	4
August	3	2	7
September	2	2	6
October	4	5	4
November	7	5	3
December	2	4	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>55</b>

Unfortunately it is not possible to provide a breakdown of each specific date that each crime was reported as this information is felt to be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000 by virtue of the following listed exemption:

- Section 40 (2) – Personal Information

Section 40 is an absolute class based exemption subsequently there is no requirement for me to apply the public interest test or evidence the harm in disclosure.

However I can advise that this exemption is deemed to apply in this case as we believe that disclosure of specific dates will lead to individuals being easily identified. Disclosures under the FOIA are considered as disclosures "to the world" and therefore if we were to release this information we would be in breach of the first Data Protection Principle, namely that 'Personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully'. This letter serves to act as a refusal notice for this part of the document, as per S.17 (1) of the Act.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request an internal review of our decision, you should write to the Information Assurance Manager, Information Compliance and Disclosure Section, Police Headquarters, Saunders Lane, Hutton, Preston PR4 5SB or alternatively send an email to [information@lancashire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:information@lancashire.pnn.police.uk). Details of the Constabulary's Freedom of Information Complaint Procedures can be found attached to this email.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by Lancashire Constabulary. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

*Compliance Team*

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