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Dear Ms Amber Mehmood,

I write in response to the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted on the 19th June 2019. Thames Valley Police has now considered this request, which for clarity, has been repeated below:

<u>Request</u>	<u>Response</u>
Could you please provide me with the total number of reported Islamophobic hate crimes for each year from 1st January 2013 to 31st May 2019. (Annual figures). CM.	<p>This request is being refused under Section 12(1) of the FOIA.</p> <p>Section 12 of the FOIA allows that public authorities do not have to comply with section 1(1) of the Act if the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this request.</p> <p>The requested information is not held in an easily retrievable format. Thames Valley Police's crime recording system has a classification for 'religious' hate crime. We would therefore have to manually review all the records (both electronic and hard copy, many of which will have been archived) in order to determine if there is any recording of the offence being islamaphobic. For the year 2018/19 there were 187 crimes and 44 non crime occurrences recorded as a religious hate crime. To review each report individually</p>



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	<p>would exceed the appropriate 18 hour time and £450 cost limit.</p> <p>Section 16:- Further advice & assistance</p> <p>Thames Valley Police cannot further advise how this information might be retrieved within the constraints. However, you may wish to dramatically reduce the time scale which will decrease the amount of reports that would need reviewing.</p> <p>The numbers of religious hate crimes are published on our website at https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/SysSiteAssets/foi-media/thames-valley-police/priorities_and_how_we_are_doing/performance-figures/thames-valley-police-performance-figures.pdf</p>
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Complaint Rights

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision made by Thames Valley Police, you can lodge a complaint with the force to have the decision reviewed within two months of the date of this response. Complaints should be made in writing to the FOI inbox; publicaccess@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk.

If, after lodging a complaint with Thames Valley Police, you are still unhappy with the outcome, you may make application to the Information Commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely

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