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Dear Ms. Narwan,

Freedom of Information Request 18/06/771

I write in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 received on 8 June 2018.

Please list the total number of crimes that were screened out and closed as they required 'no further action'.

Please provide a breakdown by alleged crime and reason for closure.

Please provide historic data for 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013 or however many years possible.

Please provide a breakdown by calendar year.

How many crimes were reported in total for each of those years?

The College of Policing Authorised Professional Practice provides guidance in relation to police investigations: <https://www.app.college.police.uk/app-content/investigations/>

<https://www.app.college.police.uk/app-content/investigations/investigation-process/>

Kent Police's own policy on Crime Investigation is available from the Kent Police website:

<https://www.kent.police.uk/policy/crime-and-intelligence/n26-crime-investigation/>

The investigation of all crimes reported to Kent Police will be assessed individually with consideration given to factors provided in the attached appendix, however Kent Police does not operate a screening out process and as such no information relevant to screening out is held.

The Home Office publish annual crime data by force, offence type and outcome, and is available for the years 2006 onwards at the link below, under 'Outcomes open data year ending March xxx':

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/police-recorded-crime-open-data-tables>

I apologise that this reaches you outside of the twenty working day limit, but thank you for your interest in Kent Police. If you have any queries about your request or the application of the Freedom of Information Act generally, please contact this office quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Muggridge

FOI Legal Administrator

Your right to appeal

We take our responsibilities under the Freedom of Information Act seriously but, if you feel your request has not been properly handled or you are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you have the right to appeal. We will conduct an internal review to investigate the matter and endeavour to reply within 20 working days. If your appeal concerns the decision to apply an exemption, it would assist the review if you would outline why you believe the exemption does not apply.

You may lodge your appeal by writing to:

Freedom of Information
Kent Police Headquarters
Sutton Road,
Maidstone
Kent
ME15 9BZ

Or by e-mailing freedomofinformation@kent.pnn.police.uk

If you are still dissatisfied following our internal review, you have the right under section 50 of the Act to appeal directly to the Information Commissioner who would normally expect you to have exhausted the internal review procedure provided by Kent Police.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

FOI Compliance Team (complaints)
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