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Dear Ms. Airley,

Freedom of Information Request 19/12/1810

I write in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) received on 30 December 2019.

This request concerns referrals under the MARAC procedure from Look Ahead who operate women's refuges in a number of Kent towns such as Sevenoaks, Tunbridge Wells and Tonbridge. Information requested is as follows:

1) How many MARAC referrals have been made to Kent Police in the years 2017, 2018 and 2019 (to date)?

Date Period	Number of Referrals made to Kent Police
1 January to 31 December 2017	2,404
1 January to 31 December 2018	2,517
1 January to 30 September 2019	1,779

2) What are the criteria for a women's refuge making a referral to Police under MARAC?

3) Does the refuge need to obtain the explicit consent of a woman for whom such a referral is made? This would represent a breach of GDPR in the event personal information is transferred in the absence of consent.

Information pertaining to these questions would not be held specifically by Kent Police, and as such it is not possible to respond. That said, articles 6 and 9 of General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) outline the lawfulness of processing personal data and special category personal data, and where processing may be considered appropriate without consent from the data subject:

<http://www.privacy-regulation.eu/en/article-6-lawfulness-of-processing-GDPR.htm>

<http://www.privacy-regulation.eu/en/article-9-processing-of-special-categories-of-personal-data-GDPR.htm>

4) Is Kent Police aware of the fact that in Tonbridge refuge, women are threatened with MARAC being used on them? That this is being used as a method of control by [name supplied] This is one of their tactics when women stand up for themselves and do not accept bullying, intimidation, and abuse from staff there.

This question invites comment or opinion, and there is no requirement under FOIA for the creation of comment or opinion in order to respond to this question.

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

Public Disclosure Officer

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 40 working days from the date the response is issued to request that Kent Police carry out an internal review.

If your request for a review concerns the decision to apply an exemption, it would assist if you would outline why you believe the exemption does not apply.

Kent Police will acknowledge receipt of any request for a review and aim to respond as soon as practicable, in most cases within 20 working days of receipt. If the review will not be completed in this timescale, you will be informed.

You may lodge your request for a review in writing:

Our email address is: freedomofinformation@kent.police.uk

Our postal address is:

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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.

For information on how to appeal to the Information Commissioner please visit the website at www.ico.org.uk. Alternatively, phone or write to:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Wilmslow
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0303 123 1113