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Dear K Gillies

I refer to your email request received 21 February 2018 requesting various strands of information, covering a 10 year period, centring on the number of complaints made to the Police and/or the Independent Police Conduct Authority about Police handling of unlawful sexual connection and rape complaints.

I have considered your request in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982. Regrettably, however, the Police does not record this detail in a readily accessible form. On this basis, it is unfortunately not possible to readily provide much of the detailed information which you have requested.

By way of contextual background, all complaints against Police that are made directly to the New Zealand Police or forwarded to us by the Independent Police Conduct Authority (IPCA) are entered into our complaint / incident management system. It also manages all our internal investigations. Since 2009 NZ Police have used a standalone system called Internal Affairs Professional (IAPro).

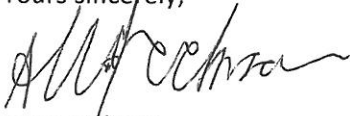
All IAPro data is arranged with the allegation concerning the complaint as being the identifier. For example there are allegations for inadequate service, failure to investigate, failure to prosecute, failure- other, failure to notify/inform victim, inadequate victim management, and inadequate bail management.

IAPro data is not linked to the substantive criminal matter that Police had the original contact with the complainant. The substantive criminal matter is not recorded in any fashion. We simply do not record if the complaint is about an original Wilful Damage, say, or Arson, Burglary, or Sexual Assault (Rape, Unlawful Sexual Connection or Indecent Assault or Indecent Act).

Thus it is impossible to extract the data sought. It follows that, regrettably, your request is refused pursuant to section 18(g) of the Official Information Act on the basis that information is not held. For completeness I would add IPCA utilises web-based version of the same system and there is no field for data inputting what the substantive criminal matter is about. Moreover as you may be aware the IPCA is not subject to the Official Information Act.

I trust that this response has been informative, albeit that it was not been possible to supply the data requested. Nevertheless you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anna Jackson', written in a cursive style.

Anna Jackson

Superintendent

National Manager: Police Professional Conduct

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