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Dear Member of the Public

I am writing in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, dated 15th December, 2018.

You referenced the Commissioner's quote in the Hunts Post article regarding 'the lack of bobbies on the beat' being due to crimes such as cybercrime.

The Commissioner does not hold the information you have requested however I have spoken to the Constabulary who hold and report crime data to the Home Office.

We are aware that there are crimes with a cyber marker which do not always result in a specific cybercrime specification. Where crimes involve a cyber marker, they are often subsumed into other crime types. For example, violence against a person could initially be cyber-enabled, but could then turn into a crime which could be classified as violent crime. Another example of this would be where someone is using online tactics to threaten someone's life.

I hope this helps answer some of your concerns however you may wish to contact Cambridgeshire Constabulary, which, as a separate organisation and is treated as such under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, holds the data you are requesting. You may wish to resubmit your request to them by email to foi@cambs.pnn.police.uk. Alternatively, please see the link to the Constabulary's Freedom of Information pages: <http://www.cambs-police.co.uk/about/foi/index.asp>.

All police forces across the UK have seen significant challenges over the past few years and these pressures are set to continue for the next few years. Cambridgeshire Constabulary continues to strive to be as efficient and effective as possible, making the most effective use of resources. As well as cybercrime, officers spend a great deal of time tackling crimes such as modern day slavery, domestic violence and currently historic child abuse cases. These are all crimes which are largely 'hidden' from public view.

We trust that the information provided above meets your needs. However, if you are unhappy with this response, please see the attached 'satisfied with our service' document, which sets out your rights to appeal.

Kind regards

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough