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Dear Requestor

**Request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

On 23 August 2019 you sent a request, made under the Freedom of Information Act, relating to POLCE policies. I now provide this information as an attachment.

I trust that this is the information you require and that your request has been fully discharged.

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If you have queries about this response, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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**Paddy Baker**  
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**Q1:**

If the CCG **does** follow a POLCE policy, please could you provide answers to each following question covering the following time periods:

The first covering the time period **1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015;**

The second covering the time period **1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016;**

The third covering the time period **1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017;**

and the fourth covering the time period **1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018;**

and the fifth covering the time period **1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 – 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019.**

1. For each time period, how many applications were approved and referred?
2. For each time period, how many applications were rejected?

**Response:**

The information you have requested is in the table below, please note that our reporting process operates to the financial year.

Year	Total Requests	Approved	Declined
2014/15	1251	837	414
2015/16	949	692	257
2016/17	812	587	225
2017/18	840	643	197
2018/19	922	692	230