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Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 29 July 2020

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 08/07/2020.

I note you seek access to the following information:

Please provide me with the contact information (names and email addresses) for all individuals responsible for policing the banned dog breeds listed under Section 1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991. If possible, please list the individuals by region/district in which they serve. I wish to receive this information via email.

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within Leicestershire Police to locate information relevant to your request.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am not obliged to supply the information you have requested.

All dog section staff are trained to deal with the response to reports of a dangerous dog and this includes banned breeds and dogs dangerously out of control.

We have officers within the section who hold further qualifications in dog legislation and are trained to identify banned breeds and present that evidence in court.

There is no external email address for members of the public to use to contact the Dog Section of the Force. Contact would be through the contact centre who would pass it on to us. Contact 101 - Leicestershire Police.

To provide you with a breakdown of all our Officers Names and Email details would be exempt under Section 40 (2) (Personal Information)

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Leicestershire Constabulary, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The exemption applicable to the information is as follows.

Section 40 (2) – Personal Information

Section 40(2) is a class based absolute exemption and as such legislators have identified that there would be harm in disclosure and there is no requirement to evidence this or consider the public interest test. However, as Section 40(2) is engaged and in order to make the exemption absolute we need to evidence that a data protection principle would be breached by disclosure. In this case it would not be fair to process confidential information which could lead to the identification of an individual, therefore the first principle of the Data Protection Act would be breached.

You should consider this to be a refusal under section 17 of the Act for part of your request.

Leicestershire Police provides you the right to ask for a re-examination of your request under its review procedure. Letters should be addressed to Information Manager, Corporate Services Department at the above address. If you decide to request such a review and having followed the Force's full process you are still dissatisfied, then you have the right to direct your comments to the Information Commissioner who will give it consideration.

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