



Our Ref: 002596/20

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 07 August 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I write further to your request for information received 04/08/2020.

I note you seek access to the following information:

1. *How many offences relating to the online sexual grooming of children where reported between the dates of the 1st of July 2019-1st of July 2020.*
2. *How many of these reported incidents followed with an arrest.*
3. *How many suspects have been charged following arrest?*
4. *How many suspects are on bail with bail conditions?*
5. *How many suspects are on bail without bail conditions?*
6. *How many suspects are RUI?*
7. *How many suspects have been NFA'd?*

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 the information asked for is as follows: -**

1. Leicestershire Police recorded 35 reported offences relating to the online sexual grooming of children in the time period requested.
2. Of the above, 5 resulted in arrest.

Any further breakdown of the above is considered exempt by virtue of Section 40 (2)

**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.

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.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Officer  
Leicestershire Police

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