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Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 15 October 2020

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 15/10/2020.

I note you seek access to the following information:

The number of attacks where the officer reported the ethnic appearance of the victim as "Oriental" between January and September 2020, compared to the same period last year.

A breakdown of those attacks - whether they were verbal, online, physical, or any other form – and the number for each of them.

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: -

Leicestershire Police have 2 ethnicity fields on our crime recording system; firstly the self defined ethnicity where the victim themselves state what they consider themselves to be and secondly the ethnicity that the officer perceives them to be (which may differ from the other). The wording of your request is as follows, "the officer reported the ethnic appearance".

That being the case, the category is "Chinese, Japanese, and SE Asian" which is slightly wider than "Oriental." SE Asian includes Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia etc.

There were **2** Violence against the Person Hate Crime offences where the aggrieved is recorded by the officer as being of "Chinese, Japanese, SE Asian" ethnicity between 1st January 2020 and 30th September 2020. This compares to **3** in the equivalent period in 2019.

The actual offences were :

2019

2 x Assault - S39 - Common assault

1 x sending letters etc. with intent to cause distress or anxiety (Malicious Communications Act)

2020

1 x Racially / religiously aggravated harassment without violence

1 x sending letters etc. with intent to cause distress or anxiety (Malicious Communications Act)

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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