



Our Ref: 003738/20

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 19 November 2020

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 09/11/2020.

I note you seek access to the following information:

Question 1

For all crimes that fall under the home office offence sub group of "stalking and harassment" between Feb 1 2020 and Nov 9 2020, inclusive of both dates, please provide the number of crimes that include the keywords "Facebook", "Twitter", "Instagram", "Snapchat", "Whatsapp" or "TikTok" in the modus operandi report. Please also provide the dates that each of these incidents took place. If you have a flag for online/cyber crimes, please tell me how many of these crimes were flagged as such.

For the most recent 100 crimes, please provide the contents of the modus operandi report.

Question 2

For all crimes that fall under the home office offence sub group of "stalking and harassment" between Feb 1 2020 and Nov 9 2020, inclusive of both dates, please provide the number of crimes that include the keywords "Tinder", "Hinge", "Grindr" or "Bumble" in the modus operandi report. Please also provide the dates that each of these incidents took place. If you have a flag for online/cyber crimes, please tell me how many of these crimes were flagged as such.

For the most recent 100 crimes, please provide the contents of the modus operandi report.

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: -

Please see attached spreadsheet containing information relating to question 1 of your request.

In relation to questions 2, Leicestershire Police have not recorded any instances where the terms requested appear.

Any further information 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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