



Our Ref: 004009/20

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 22 December 2020

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 02/12/2020.

I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1) *As of December 1st 2020, how many registered sex offenders were classified as either missing / wanted / whereabouts unknown within your force?*
- 2) *Please could you list each by name?*
- 3) *Please could you also list the year they went missing?*
- 4) *If unable to do (1) and (2), please could you tell me: out of all sex offenders who are currently missing, what is the longest period of time that any of them has been missing for?*

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: -

As of 1st December 2020 Leicestershire Police recorded one Registered Sex Offender whose whereabouts were not known. This person's last known whereabouts were in 2018.

Any further information relating to this request 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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