



Our Ref: 004098/20

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 17 December 2020

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 09/12/2020.

I note you seek access to the following information:

How many hate crimes have taken place against refugees, asylum seekers and migrants in your force area this year (2020)?

Of the total number of hate crimes against refugees, asylum seekers and migrants in your force area are you able to give a breakdown of what each offence was e.g. verbal abuse, assault, GBH etc.? If this would not meet the time limits, would you be able to at least state how many of these crimes involved serious assaults?

Can you provide any details of the victims in relation to their sex, age, and the towns/cities/villages where the attacks happened?

Of the total number of hate crimes against refugees, asylum seekers and migrants in your force area in 2020, how many of these resulted in prosecutions?

How many hate crimes took place against refugees, asylum seekers and migrants in your force area last year (2019)?

Of the total number of hate crimes for against refugees, asylum seekers and migrants in your force area in 2019 are you able to give a breakdown of what each offence was e.g. verbal abuse, assault, GBH etc.? If this would not meet the time limits, would you be able to at least state how many of these crimes involved serious assaults?

Can you provide any details of the victims in relation to their sex, age, and the towns/cities/villages where the attacks happened?

Of the total number of hate crimes against refugees, asylum seekers and migrants in your force area in 2019, how many of these resulted in prosecutions?

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 your request.

Leicestershire Police do not hold specific information relating to whether someone is a refugee or asylum seeker, so are unable to provide this aspect of your request. The attached is based on the definition of migrant being someone who states that their nationality is something other than UK.

Any further breakdown of the information provided would invoke 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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