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Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 04 February 2021

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 20/01/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1. How many cases of stalking or harassment of staff have been referred to you by universities over the past three academic years – 2017/2018, 2018/2019 and 2019/2020.*
- 2. If the information is held and available, of the number of cases referred, could they be broken down by university.*
- 3. If the information is held and within the FOI cost restrictions, of the number of cases referred, what proportion of the alleged perpetrators were male and female.*

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 recorded the below in relation to your request:

	Academic Year			Total Count
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	
Male suspect	2	0	0	2
Female suspect	0	0	0	0
No suspect identified	2	1	0	3
Grand Total	4	1	0	5

Academic Year is, for example, 1st September 2017 - 31st August 2018

Any further breakdown 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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