



Our Ref: 000256/21

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 08 February 2021

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 22/01/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

1. *For the months of November and December 2020 how many crimes were logged by your force where a machete was recorded as being an element in the offence? [Note: I would hope that this could be achieved by a computer search on the MO of crimes for the words "machete" or variants of the spelling to include "machette" and "machetes".]*
2. *Please provide me with a table showing a breakdown of the crimes from Q.1 that are 'linked' to machete/s by its mention in the MO.*
3. *Taking the month of December 2020 please provide me with copies of the first 5 MOs that mention machetes. [Note: To avoid falling into an exemption I am content for names, ages, geography or any other personal detail to be redacted].*
4. *For the months of November and December 2020 how many crimes were logged by your force where acid was recorded as being an element in the offence? [Note: I would hope that this could be achieved by a computer search on the MO of crimes for the words "acid" or "acid-attack".]*
5. *Please provide me with a table showing a breakdown of the crimes from Q.4 that are 'linked' to acid and acid attacks by its mention in the MO.*
6. *Taking the month of December 2020 please provide me with copies of the first 5 MOs that mention acid. [Note: To avoid falling into an exemption I am content for names, ages, geography or any other personal detail to be redacted].*

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 recorded the below 'Machete' and 'Acid' related offences in the time period requested:

Calendar Month	Machete	Acid
November	37	2
December	27	3
Total Count	64	5

Information relating to Q3 and 6 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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