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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. In relation to the 2020 calendar year, on how many occasions were the police informed that there had been a sighting of a 'big cat', i.e. a wild cat, which was significantly larger than a domestic cat and was thought could have been a puma, leopard, lynx or other large member of the cat species. Could you please state how many of the sightings were confirmed to be (a) false, (b) true or (c) unable to be confirmed one way or the other.*
- 2. In relation to the last three sightings that you logged in 2020, please provide me with a summary of the sighting. This should include what was alleged to have been seen, the location of the sighting and what if any police response there was to the sighting.*

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 reports of 'big cat' sightings in 2020:

Date	Description	True/False	Location
May-20	Caller reports seeing a lion on the street. No evidence found to support.	FALSE	Braunstone and Rowley Fields
Oct-20	Caller reports seeing a puma in the back garden. No evidence found to support.	FALSE	Birstall
Dec-20	Caller reports seeing a large cat. No evidence found to support.	FALSE	Harborough North

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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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