



Our Ref: 000888/21

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 12 April 2021

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 16/03/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

1. *A breakdown of knife crime offences by individual Crime and Safety Partnership areas within the boundaries of your police force.*
2. *A breakdown for the calendar years 2018, 2019, 2020 by individual Crime and Safety Partnership areas of knife crime offences, broken down by offence.*
3. *A breakdown for the calendar years 2018, 2019, 2020 of knife crime offences giving the location data (lat, lon) of each offence.*
4. *The location (lat, lon) data for each of the offences with the Home office codes 1, 2, 4/1, 5D, 8N, 8P, 8S, 34B broken down by crime code and calendar years 2018, 2019, 2020.*

The crime codes mentioned correspond to:

- 1 Murder Violence against the person Homicide*
- 2 Attempted murder Violence against the person*
- 3A Conspiracy to murder*
- 3B Threats to kill*
- 4/1 Manslaughter*
- 5D Assault with intent to cause serious harm*
- 8N Assault with injury*
- 8P Racially or religiously aggravated assault with injury*
- 8S Assault with Injury on a Constable*
- 34B Robbery of personal property*

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. Information relating to the specific latitude and longitude of each offence 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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