



Our Ref: 001009/21

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 16 April 2021

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 24/03/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

Would you please be able to tell me, for each of the last three years:

- 1. The number of allegations you've received about racism on social media.*
- 2. The number of arrests made in relation to alleged racism on social media*
- 3. The number of charges in relation to alleged racism on social media*
- 4. If available, could you please provide a breakdown of which social media site the complaints related to*

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:

Racist Hate Crime 1st March 2018 to 28th February 2021 which involve Social Media				
	2018 (from 1/3)	2019	2020	2021 (to 28/2)
Number of Offences Reported	16	32	69	19
Number of arrests			1	
Number of Offences which resulted in a person being Charged		1	1	
Split :				
FACEBOOK	10	13	22	7
INSTAGRAM	1	7	17	6
REDDIT	0	0	1	0
TWITTER	0	2	11	2
WHATSAPP	2	0	5	1

SNAPCHAT	0	2	7	0
Unspecified	4	10	11	5
<i>N.B. Some offences reference more than one Social Media site</i>				

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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