



Our Ref: 001016/21

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Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 23 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:

1. *Please provide us with the number of complaints of sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment, exploitation of crime victims and child abuse made against police officers, special constables and police community support officers in your force each year since 2012. N.B. Please break these down into*
 - a. *public complaints*
 - b. *internal conduct matters.*
2. *How many of the public complaints were upheld each year?*
3. *How many of the public complaints resulted in sacking or resignation each year?*
4. *Please provide a description of each public complaint that resulted in sacking or resignation.*
5. *How many of the internal conduct matters were upheld each year?*
6. *How many of the internal conduct matters resulted in sacking or resignation each year?*
7. *Please provide a description of each internal conduct matter that resulted in sacking or resignation.*

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: -

1. Leicestershire Police recorded the below numbers of complaints of sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment, exploitation of crime victims and child abuse made against police officers, special constables and police community support officers in the years request:

Year	Public Complaints	Internal Conduct Matters
2012	3	0
2013	1	6
2014	1	1

2015	5	2
2016	7	4
2017	6	9
2018	2	11
2019	1	9
2020	7	7
2021 (to date)	1	1
Total	34	50

2. The below public complaints were upheld:
2012 – 1
2013 – 1
2016 – 1
3. *NONE* of the public complaints resulted in sacking or resignation.
4. N/A
5. The below internal conduct matters were upheld:
2012 – 0
2013 – 4
2014 – 0
2015 – 2
2016 – 1
2017 – 2
2018 – 5
2019 – 1
2020 – 1
6. The below numbers of internal conduct matters resulted in sacking or resignation:
2013 – 1
2015 – 1
2016 – 1
2017 – 2
2018 – 2
7. Descriptions of these matters are 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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