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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 12/04/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information about your force's use of section 1 of the Malicious Communications Act 1988 and section 127 of the Communications Act 2003:

A) How many reports of Malicious and Offensive Communications have been made to your force in the policing year 2020/21 where the victims have been under the age of 18? By malicious and offensive communications I am interested in distressing, offensive or threatening communications sent via text or social media, cyber-bullying/trolling, virtual mobbing, cyberstalking and online harassment.

B) How many reports of Malicious and Offensive Communications have been made to your force in the policing year 2019/20 where the victims have been under the age of 18? By malicious and offensive communications I am interested in distressing, offensive or threatening communications sent via text or social media, cyber-bullying/trolling, virtual mobbing, cyberstalking and online harassment.

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 numbers of offences under the Malicious Communications Act 1988, where the victim was under 18 in the time periods requested:

Year	Count of Reports of Malicious Communications with Victims under 18
2019/2020	309
2020/2021	479
Grand Total	788

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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