



Our Ref: 001260/21

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Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 11 May 2021

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 13/04/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

1. *Generally, during the pandemic how have you recorded within the control room incoming reports relating to COVID -19 breaches?*
2. *How did this recording practice manifest, either directly or indirectly, to data.police.uk reporting?*
3. *Did your Force record reports of covid-19 rule infringements as ASB?*
4. *Did your Force use an existing category for Covid-19 rule infringement other than ASB?*
5. *Did you Force record reports of covid-19 rule infringements as another category that is reported to data.police.uk?*
6. *If you did use an alternate incident class such as ASB, did you apply any 'tagging' system to capture the Covid infringements within recorded incidents?*
7. *If you did use a tag what tag labels did you use?*
8. *Did your Force create a new category for recording reports of covid-19 infringements?*
9. *If so is this new category reportable to data.police.uk?*

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. COVID-19 incidents reported to Leicestershire Police were 'tagged' with a COVID-19 incident tag. There is no requirement under crime recording standards to generate a crime report. Even when there is enforcement, a crime report is not required.
2. The data available at data.police.uk is recorded crime data. Due to COVID-19 breaches not being required to be recorded, this information is not available on that website.

3. No, Leicestershire Police do not record COVID-19 infringements as ASB. The only time where an ASB report would be generated, would be where there is an associated report of anti-social behaviour. Examples may be where a group gathering the park causing anti-social behaviour. The gathering was a breach of the covid-19 regulations but the reason for the report was the anti-social behaviour element and this took precedence.
4. No, a new incident tag for COVID-19 incidents was created by Leicestershire Police.
5. As above, the COVID-19 data is not transferred to data.police.uk.
6. As per question 4.
7. The tag label is COVID-19.
8. Leicestershire Police did create a new category, called COVID-19.
9. No this category is not reportable to data.police.uk

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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