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Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 13 May 2021

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 20/04/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

I am writing to request the below information which will be used to form part of my PhD thesis regarding the attrition rates in cases of Child Sexual Exploitation. This request is being sent to all territorial forces in England and Wales. I would be grateful if you could provide me with the below information regarding all sexual offences against children between 1st October 2017 and 30th September 2020:

Regarding the victim could you please provide the age, gender, whether the victim had been an offender previously and whether the victim was a repeat victim

Regarding the offence could you please provide the HO code of offence, outcome of the offence, reasoning for outcome eg victim does not support, insufficient evidence, prosecution not in public interest, Flags or markers on the offence and MO detail.

Regarding the offender could you please provide the Age of offender, Gender of offender and Occupation of offender.

I would be grateful if this information could be provided as a CSV/excel file.

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 the excel spreadsheet attached to the Email.
Leicestershire Police have provided the HO Code of Offence
Flags or markers are on the individuals. Therefore this data and MO detail have been redacted as they are exempt by virtue of Section 40 (Personal Information) and may identify persons.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Leicestershire Constabulary, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The exemption(s) applicable to the information are as follows.

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.

You should consider this to be a refusal under section 17 of the Act for that part your request.

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.

Freedom of Information Officer
Leicestershire Police

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