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Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 21 May 2021

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 26/04/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

1. *Please provide the number of police officers, PCSOs and special constables who have been accused of sexual misconduct within your force for the financial years 2017-18 to 2020-21. Please provide this data broken down by financial year.*
2. *Of those cases, please provide:*
 - a. *The type of sexual misconduct reported, i.e. having sex on duty, sexual assault, sexual harassment, rape.*
 - b. *The number of cases referred to the IOPC.*
 - c. *The number of cases where the officer had previously been reported for misconduct.*
3. *Of those cases not referred to the IOPC, please provide the outcome, i.e. dismissed, resigned, written warning etc.*

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 attached spreadsheet containing information relating to your request.

Any live cases have been removed for the attached due to being considered exempt by virtue of Section 30.

Application of Section 30 – Investigations

Section 30 is a class-based exemption which means that I am not required to demonstrate the harm that disclosure would cause. However, I am still required to conduct a public interest test which highlights the factors for and against disclosure.

Considerations favouring disclosure

There is already a public knowledge that investigations are conducted into these types of offence by Leicestershire Police. Therefore the public would have a genuine interest in being informed of the information you have requested. It would also

enable the public to see how public funds are spent in the course of operational policing.

Considerations favouring non-disclosure

The information requested relates to recent months, as a result cases included in this may still be under investigation. Disclosure of information relating to live investigations may alert those committing crimes as to whether their offence is under investigation or not and may severely impact any current investigations.

I see no tangible benefit to the community at large if this information was released on this occasion.

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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