



Our Ref: 001516/21

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 20 May 2021

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 05/05/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

Please could you give me a breakdown of thefts from hospitals in 2018/ 2019 and 2020?

Can you please list:

- The date of the reported theft*
- The item stolen*
- Its value*
- Whether the victim was a patient, visitor, staff member etc*
- Their age/ gender*
- Any detail regarding the theft itself, such as what happened*
- The hospital the item(s) was/ were stolen from*
- And the outcome of any police investigation (was anyone charged 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. Leicestershire Police do not routinely hold information relating to the value of items stolen, on occasion this is provided by the victim, however this is held within the logs of offences and it would require a manual review of the logs to identify which, if any offences contain this information which would invoke Section 12.

Any further information would invoke 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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