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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 10/05/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

For the 2019-20 financial year please state how many crime outcomes were concluded by your force because the age of the suspect was under 10, and so below the level of criminal responsibility.

For each of these crime outcomes please provide me with a table showing (i) the age of the suspect and (ii) the crime associated with that child, which was not pursued because of their young age.

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 have recorded the below offences in 2019/20 which were concluded under Outcome 11: Named suspect below age of criminal responsibility:

Crime Type	Number of offences
Violence without injury	40
Violence with Injury	37
Criminal Damage	22
Public Order Offences	15
Other Sexual Offences	14
Shoplifting	4
Stalking and Harassment	3
Miscellaneous Crimes against Society	2
Possession of Weapons	2
Rape	1
Other Theft	1
Burglary Business	1
Total	142

Any further detail is considered exempt by virtue of 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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