



Our Ref: 001835/21

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Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 22 June 2021

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 27/05/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

1. *The number of sexual offences (described in point 3) that have taken place in the financial years 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021 up to the date this FOI is filed, where the perpetrator is under 18 and the victim is under 18. If the sexual offence took place in a school, please provide this in the 'Location' column – otherwise please leave the 'Location' section blank.*
2. *In the year column please provide the financial year in which the offence took place.*
3. *In the offence column, please state which offence took place, as categorised by the Sexual Offences Act 2003:*
 - a. *Rape (s.1)*
 - b. *Assault by penetration (s.2)*
 - c. *Sexual assault (s.3)*
 - d. *Causing a person to engage in sexual activity without consent (s.4)*
 - e. *Rape of a child under 13 (s.5)*
 - f. *Assault of a child under 13 by penetration (s.6)*
 - g. *Causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity (s.8)*
4. *In the 'Victim Age' column please provide the age of the victim.*
5. *In the 'Victim Gender' column please provide the gender of the victim.*
6. *In the 'Perpetrator Age' column please provide the age of the perpetrator*
7. *In the 'Perpetrator Gender' column please provide the gender of the perpetrator*
8. *In the 'Outcome' column please provide the outcome of the police investigation e.g. NFA/suspect charged*

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. Please be aware that any offences which are still under investigation are considered exempt by virtue of Section 30 as set out below.

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 are 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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