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Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 29 June 2021

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 22/06/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

Could you provide me with the number of blackmail crimes, in each of the past two financial years (2019/20 and 2020/21), where a webcam has been involved in some way, i.e. where either webcam, web cam or video are mentioned in the summary of the report.

These crimes may also be known as sextortion crimes, if that is an easier way of searching and identifying cases.

Could you provide a summary of each report, including outcome, and state whether the alleged victim was aged under 16, 16 to 18 or over 18.

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.

This information has been gathered by conducting a search for the following terms within the Occurrence Summaries of offences coded as Blackmail.

- WEB CAM
- WEBCAM
- VIDEO
- FILM
- SEXTORTION

Any further breakdown of this information 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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