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Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 30 July 2021

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 16/06/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

For each of the years 2010 and 2020, how many investigations under section 47 of the Children Act 1989 were referred to you for further action which involved these terms in the referral:

*Fabricated or Induced Illness or FII
Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy or MSbP*

How many of these investigations led to no further action being taken by the police?

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 are unable to provide any information relating to 2010 due to a change in recording systems that took place in 2015.

In relation to 2020, whilst FII is not a recordable crime (Under the Home Office Counting), Leicestershire Police recorded 3 offences detailing one of the below key words in 2020:

'FII', 'F I I', 'F.I.I' or 'Munch'

Any further 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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