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Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 28 July 2021

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 01/07/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

Could you please advise on the number of crimes categorised as honour-based abuse which the constabulary dealt with in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020?

Could you give a breakdown of the offences (including physical assault, abduction, rape and murder) which were categorised as honour-based abuse during 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020?

Could you please advise on the number of crimes categorised as 'coercive control offences' which the constabulary dealt with in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020?

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 can confirm the below offences in relation to your request:

Offence Type	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Honour Based Abuse marker	45	46	60	85	91
Engage in Controlling/Coercive Behaviour in intimate/family relationship	44	88	212	350	577

There has been a rise in recorded cases of control/coercive behaviour in this time period due to changes in legislation and recording practices, in addition to the profile of such crimes being raised by the Police encouraging victims to come forward.

The changes are summarised by the Home Office Counting Rules stating "Where there is a course of conduct amounting to either stalking or harassment or controlling and coercive behaviour the relevant course of conduct crime (stalking or harassment or controlling and coercive behaviour) should be recorded in addition to the most serious additional notifiable crime reported at the same time

The Leicestershire Police Service can neither confirm nor deny that it holds any further information relating to your request as the duty in s1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply, by virtue of the following exemptions:

- Section 23(5) Information relating to the Security bodies;

This should not be taken as conclusive evidence that any information that would meet your request exists or does not exist.

Section 23 is absolute which means that the legislators have identified that harm would be caused by release and there is no requirement to consider the public interest test.

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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