



Our Ref: 002422/21

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 11 August 2021

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 15/07/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

- Q1 Between the period of March 1st 202 –March 31st 2021, how many missing person cases (specifically women ages 16-65) reported in this period, remain unsolved?*
- Q2 Please also provide the ethnicity and age of each case ?*
- Q3 the reason why it remains unsolved (whether an open or closed case).*

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: -

Q1 Between the period of March 1st 2020 –March 31st 2021, missing person cases (specifically women ages 16-65) reported in this period,. **4**

Q2 Please also provide the ethnicity and age of each case:

3 x White, 1 x Not stated.

Ages **10-19years = 3 40-49years = 1**

Leicestershire Police will not break down the information into actual ages as this may identify an individual and this is personal information.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Leicestershire Constabulary, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The exemption(s) applicable to the information are as follows.

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.

Q3 the reason why it remains unsolved (whether an open or closed case).

All cases are now classed as Found/Solved.

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.

Freedom of Information Officer
Leicestershire Police

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