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Address Correspondence to: Information Management
Date: 15 August 2023

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 19/07/2023. I note you seek access to the following information:

Since January 1 2020, please disclose the logs for every incident involving unidentified flying object/unidentified aerial phenomena recorded by your force.

Also please disclose the logs that feature at least one of these search terms: 'UFO', 'Alien', 'UAP' and 'spaceship'

For each incident log, please disclose:

** The date and time the incident was reported.*

** The general location it was recorded (I.E. the city/town/village)*

** The incident log, exactly as it was recorded by the force, redacting any identifiable information which may otherwise prohibit disclosure. For example 'Male caller named (REDACTED) reports seeing four flashing lights hovering above his property in (REDACTED) street before a female was beamed into the sky'.*

Your request for information has now been considered and I am not obliged to supply the information you have requested.

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

To provide the incident log, even in a redacted format, would be considered the disclosure of personal information. As each log is entirely unique, even circumstantial details contained within the logs could lead to identification of an individual, as such engaging this exemption.

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.

You should consider this to be a partial refusal under section 17 of the Act for your request.

Please see the rest of our response in the Excel document attached to our response email.

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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