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Our Ref: F-2011-00934

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Dear XXXX

FREEDOM of INFORMATION ACT 2000 Reference No: F-2011-00934

Thank you for your request for Information, received at this office on 27 April, 2011, in which you requested details of the following:

1. **How many reports (incidents) have there been of ghosts, witches/warlocks, UFOs, zombies and vampires over the past five years?**
2. **Could you please give details of each incident by location, date and nature of the report?**

I would like this data in calendar year format and for it to include, as far as possible, calls handled by the police in 2011.

The Freedom of Information Act requires that this request is dealt with in a manner that is motive and applicant blind. A disclosure under this legislation is considered a disclosure to the world and is considered to be on the basis that it is in the public interest.

This response is unique to Humberside Police and you are advised not to compare this like for like with any other force's response you receive.

In satisfaction of section 1(1) of the Act Humberside Police can confirm the requested information is held and is communicated below:

Please find attached Humberside Police's response.

You will note the MO details of the call have been used where they make mention of Ghosts, Witches, Warlocks, UFO's and Zombies or could be considered similar. There is no record of calls regarding vampires.

You will also note some parts have been removed where third party personal data is recorded in order that a living individual cannot be identified in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. In addition the location provided is area location such as Hull, Scunthorpe, Bridlington for the same reason.

Section 40 – Personal Information

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As section 40(2) (3) is an absolute in part exemption I need to show that disclosure would result in a breach of the data protection principles. In this case I am certain that disclosure of the individual's names identified in the case file would not be fair (a breach of the first data protection principle) as there is no real expectation that their names should be made available in the public domain due the fact they provided information as part as a murder investigation.

Section 40(2) (3) of the Act states:

(2) Any information to which a request for information relates is also exempt information if -

(a) it constitutes personal data which do not fall within subsection (1), and

(b) either the first or the second condition below is satisfied.

(3) The first condition is -

(a) in a case where the information falls within any paragraph (a) to (d) of the definition of 'data' in section 1 (1) of the Data Protection Act 1998, that disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act would contravene -

(i) any of the data protection principles

Should you need to discuss this further please contact James Green, Information Compliance Officer on the above details.

Yours sincerely,

James Green
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Humberside Police – Freedom of Information Complaints Review Procedure

Why Have A Complaints Process?

Humberside Police is committed to delivering an open and transparent service whenever possible and it is our intention to commit to the principles of openness embodied in the Freedom of Information Act. We will release information to the greatest extent possible, consistent with the public interest, however we may withhold information if we consider its release would cause significant harm.

If information within a document is withheld, it will be clearly marked to show where information has been removed and the legal exemption we have used. If we decline to supply all or part of any information you have asked for we will notify you in writing giving our reasons based upon legal exemptions contained within the Freedom of Information Act.

If you are not satisfied about the way in which your Freedom of Information request has been handled you have the right to appeal. This information has been designed to help you to understand how to complain to Humberside Police. Using this process will not affect your right to complain directly to the Information Commissioner if you feel we have not complied with our obligations under the Freedom of Information Act.

Who Can Complain?

Anyone who has made a Freedom of Information request in writing to the Force can complain. If you have requested information and you are not satisfied with the way we have dealt with it, you can use the complaints process to have it looked at again. If someone who requested information would like to complain but cannot do so themselves, you can complain on their behalf but it will help us if you make it clear that you are doing so.

What Can I Complain About?

If you are not satisfied with the way we have handled your request, with the fee we have charged, or with the reasons we have given for refusing to provide information, you have the right to appeal. You can complain about the range, amount and format of information we have sent following a request. You can also complain about the way a request was handled, for example, the time it took to respond.

How Do I Complain?

To deal with your complaint as quickly as possible, it will help if you can give us as much information as you can about the original request made and the reason for your complaint. Please put your complaint in writing and address it to:

FOI Appeals

[Humberside Police Information Compliance Unit](#)

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What Happens To My Complaint?

Once we have enough details to identify the request, we will begin the review. The Head of The Information Compliance Unit will normally review your complaint. In the more complex cases a review panel consisting of a number of senior personnel from the Force will re-examine your complaint. We aim to complete the review process within 20 days of receiving your complaint. Upon completion we will send you the findings.

How Will I Be Notified?

Where we have not followed procedures or have failed to provide acceptable quality of service, we will apologise and explain what we will do to ensure this doesn't happen again. If our original decision to withhold information is over-turned on appeal we will send you the additional information immediately. If we believe that our original response was correct we will let you know, and inform you of your options (see below).

What If I'm Still Not Satisfied?

If we have been unable to resolve your complaint and you are not satisfied you can approach the office of the Information Commissioner, who may investigate the matter on your behalf. This option is open to you at all times, but we will endeavour to address your complaint initially, as this may lead to a speedier resolution. It is the Information Commissioner who decides whether to investigate or not. We will co-operate fully with the Information Commissioner.

If you have any further questions about the complaints process, please contact the Information Compliance Unit on 01482 317097 or alternatively you can write to:

Head of Information Compliance Unit
Humberside Police Headquarters
Priory Road
Hull HU5 5SF
Email: Informationcomplianceunit@humberside.pnn.police.uk

Requests for a review by the Information Commissioner should be made in writing directly to:

The Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Phone: 01625 545 700
www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

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