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Date: 05/02/2018

Dear Christina Savage

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPLICATION REFERENCE NO: ICDS/FOI/000069/18**

Thank you for your request for information received by Lancashire Constabulary on 08/01/2018 which was as follows:

- 1. How many adults were reported missing to your Police force in 2017?**
- 2. Can you provide a breakdown of their age and gender?**
- 3. How many of the adults in Q1, if any, were reported to have gone missing abroad?**
- 4. How many missing adults were reported as found in 2017?**
- 5. How many of the adults reported missing to your Police force in 2017 had a mental health illness/flag attached to their record?**

Your request has now been considered and some of the information you are seeking can be found below:

Please note regarding Question 5, the information you are seeking cannot easily be extracted from the Lancashire Constabulary force 'missing person' system by way of a simple search. As there is no marker for this, the only way to extract the information would involve a manual assessment of all 2092 records and cross reference them with the individual's record.

Due to this, the task cannot be completed within the 18 hour 'Appropriate Limit' (as defined in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004). As a result, Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies and regrettably this task cannot be undertaken at this stage. This letter serves to act as a refusal notice for this request, as per S.17 (5) of the Act

Although the application of Section 12 to a request removes the force's obligations to provide information under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied the information relative to the remainder of your request, which was retrieved before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded by question 5. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for this request.

1. Lancashire Constabulary had 2092 incidents of adults reported missing in the calendar year 2017. Please note that this figure relates to incidents and not individual adults. The same adult may have been reported as missing more than once, therefore more than one 'incident' will have been recorded for that adult.

2. The below table shows a breakdown of the age and gender of those incidents recorded on the Lancashire Police Missing from Home database.

18-35 Years		36-65 Years		Over 65 Years	
Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
394	626	285	539	69	179

3. We can report that from the 2092 adults reported missing in the calendar year 2017, there are none to have been reported as “gone missing abroad”.
4. 2 missing adults remain outstanding from those reported missing in 2017.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request an internal review of our decision, you should write to the Information Assurance Manager, Information Compliance and Disclosure Section, Police Headquarters, Saunders Lane, Hutton, Preston PR4 5SB or alternatively send an email to [information@lancashire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:information@lancashire.pnn.police.uk). Details of the Constabulary’s Freedom of Information Complaint Procedures can be found attached to this email.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner’s Office cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by Lancashire Constabulary. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

*Compliance Team*

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