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Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:23.010026

REQUEST

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'.**

RESPONSE

The Communications Centre has supplied me with the data for your request. Unfortunately, on review I am unable to supply it in the format you request.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires South Yorkshire Police, 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 following exemption applies to the disclosure of the information:

Section 40(2) – Personal Information

This is an absolute exemption and therefore a Public Interest Test is not relevant. However, for clarity, I will explain my rationale for engaging this exemption.

Section 40(2) provides that information is exempt if it is the personal data of someone other than the applicant and disclosure would breach any of the data protection principles. The term 'personal data' means data that relates to a living individual who can be identified. This may take an obvious form of 'personal information' such as a name but can also include information which, if aggregated, can pinpoint an individual. To release dates, time along with the locations of the

incident may potentially identify individuals involved and would breach data protection principles.

I am however, happy to supply you with the data on the attached spreadsheet on uncorrelated tables.