



**FOI Ref: 8325**

**Section 17 Notice under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

**WITHHOLDING INFORMATION**

**Section 40(2) – Personal Data Relating To Third Parties**

The breakdown you have requested is withheld to protect the identity of those it relates to. Releasing this information would risk identifying individuals who have been involved in the criminal justice system which constitutes sensitive personal data. The sensitive personal data consists of personal data relating to the commission, or alleged commission, of an offence.

We believe releasing the requested information into the public domain would cause damage and distress to the individuals in these cases and would be unfair to the individuals concerned, as all individuals involved in criminal prosecutions have a clear and strong expectation that their personal data will be held in confidence and not disclosed to the public under the FOI Act. This is especially true of sensitive personal data as it comprises information that individuals will regard as the most private.

