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## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF 0697-14**

Thank you for your email of 16 July 2014 asking for information that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) might hold under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

You asked for information about British Nationals who had flown to Majorca, Spain, from 2013 to date from the airports detailed below, who have subsequently required specific consular assistance.

- Manchester
- Liverpool John Lennon
- Birmingham
- Newcastle
- London (all)
- Other UK Airports

The specific consular assistance you have cited is as follows:-

- Hospitalisation
- Rape
- Sexual assault
- Arrests/detention

You further asked for a breakdown of these by year and by each of the four reasons, so that it is possible to know how many people required assistance in both years for each of the reasons listed.

### **Outcome of Search**

We do hold some information specific to your request but we are not able to break this down in the way you have asked. We do not specifically record the name of the airports British Nationals travel in from and therefore we are not able to comply with this element of your request.

### **Information Available**

From our records I am able to provide the following statistics specific to you request (our records were last updated in May 2014)

#### **Majorca FY 13/14 - May 2014**

	<b>FY 2013-14</b>	<b>FY 2014-15</b>
<b>DETENTION</b>	152	18

<b>HOSPITALISATION</b>	124	26
<b>RAPE</b>	=<5	=<5
<b>SEXUAL ASSAULT</b>	=<5	=<5

Within the detention category there are further sub categories as detailed below.

- Arrest/Detention – Child sex
- Arrest/Detention – Drugs
- Arrest/Detention – General
- Arrest/Detention - Immigration

### **Withheld Information Section 40**

For data protection purposes I am not able to disclose actual figures for rape and sexual assault cases because of the risk that such disclosure may make it possible to identify third parties by linking this to other information. It is our view that disclosure of this information would breach the first data protection principle, which states that personal data should be processed fairly and lawfully. Section 40(2) and (3) of the Freedom of Information Act therefore apply. It is the fairness aspect of this principle which we think would be breached by disclosure in this case. In such circumstances section 40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure. We do not therefore have to apply the public interest test.

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Yours sincerely,

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