



**POLICE & CRIME
COMMISSIONER**
for Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland
Your Communities - Your Commissioner

Our ref: 0005/22

Date: 31 March 2022

Name:
Email:

Dear,

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write in connection with your request for information received in the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland on 11th March 2022.

I am writing to enquire how many break outs occurred from HMP Gartree in Leicestershire in the year 2021. I appreciate that an actual escape is classified as 'unlawfully gaining liberty for 15 mins or more by breaching the secure perimeter of a closed prison, or if during prison staff escort, overcome the control of escorting staff and leave the escort, the van or the building (hospital etc.). Those who escape for less than 15 minutes and commit an offence are also recorded as an escape.'

My question specifically relates to local reports of a prisoner being at liberty from the prison estate of HMP Gartree during 2021. Heavy Police activity was observed in the area. It may well be that an inmate absconded for less than 15 mins and did not commit any other offence so would not appear in the usual published figures.

Please note that the information you have requested is not held by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

The Ministry of Justice may hold this information - [Ministry of Justice - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

The ministry of Justice also publishes the following data on its website:

[Escapes from prison establishments and HMPPS escort - Justice data](#)

Leicestershire Police may hold information regarding the activities you mention in your Freedom of Information request. The link to Leicestershire Police Freedom of Information requests is:

[What is the Freedom of Information Act? | Leicestershire Police \(leics.police.uk\)](https://www.leics.police.uk)

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Yours sincerely,

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

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