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I write further to your email dated 11 March 2021.

Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), explained on our [freedom of information](#) page.

Your request:

Please can you break down the below information for each of the following calendar years (1 January to 31 December): 2018; 2019; 2020.

For 2020, please can the information be broken down per month. Can you also please provide me the information for the period between 1 January 2021 and 28 February 2021.

- 1) On how many occasions did your council carry out surveillance operations authorised under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 over the stated period(s)?

Nil.

- 2) How many times was an application for authorisation for surveillance in respect to the RIPA 2000 approved by the council's appointed authorising officer but subsequently disapproved by a magistrate (failed to gain judicial approval)?

2a) Have any such surveillance operations in respect of the RIPA 2000 commenced before said operation/investigation had been externally approved by a court? If so, please can you tell me how long in days the operation was active before a court approved/disapproved it, what the purpose of said operation was and what day it commenced (without authorisation)- in the format DD/MM/YYYY.

Nil.

- 3) How many days of surveillance in respect to the RIPA 2000 did your council request permission for over the stated period(s)?

Nil.

- 4) On how many occasions between 1 January 2018 and 28 February 2021 has your council conducted covert surveillance within a person's home or vehicle, for example- but not limited to: using a hidden camera or bugging device?

Nil.

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Yours sincerely

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