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Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 10 August 2020

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 04/08/2020.

I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1. How many persons have been fined for refusing to wear a Face mask on public transport or in a shop please give statistics for the past 8 calendar weeks?*
- 2. How do the Police define where a person could be exempt from wearing a face mask due to chronic medical conditions like COPD or asthma ?*
- 3. How many persons have been arrested and charged with a public order offence after refusing to wear a face mask on public transport or in a shop please give statistics for the past 8 calendar weeks?*
- 4 . Does the constabulary have any practice policy for determining whether a person may be exempt from wearing a face mask due to medical conditions due to chronic COPD and asthma ? If so could you please forward me a copy of this policy?*
- 5. If a persons refuses to wear a face mask on public transport and the police are called and the person states to the police they are exempt from wearing a face mask would the police be asking for medical evidence to define the situation?*

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within Leicestershire Police to locate information relevant to your request.

Your request for information has now been considered and the information asked for is as follows: -

Leicestershire Police have not taken any enforcement over face coverings at all - be it by ticket or arrest.

Leicestershire Police follow the NPCC guidance national re masks and medical conditions.

<http://hq95t029/cms/admin/files/uploads/NPCCPPEGuidance8thApril2020.pdf>

These state - 'Be professionally curious, do the checks and ask the questions. If someone has needed to take this course of action, there may be safeguarding issues where officers can offer further assistance, protection, advice and support.'

There is no more specific guidance than this, and Leicestershire Police do not have any local policy - so it would be for the Officer concerned to exercise their investigations skills and professional judgement if any such situation arose.

Leicestershire Police provides you the right to ask for a re-examination of your request under its review procedure. Letters should be addressed to Information Manager, Corporate Services Department at the above address. If you decide to request such a review and having followed the Force's full process you are still dissatisfied, then you have the right to direct your comments to the Information Commissioner who will give it consideration.

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