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Address Correspondence to: Information Management

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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 14/07/2020.

I note you seek access to the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please can you provide me with responses to the following:

- 1/The annual number of murder offences for each of the last 5 full financial years ending with 2018/19.
- 2/The annual number of charges for murder offences made within 6 months of the day the murder occurred for each of the last 5 full financial years ending with 2018/19. (The murder itself has to have taken place within the financial year).
- 3/The annual number of charges for murder offences made within 1 year of the day the murder occurred for each of the last 5 full financial years ending with 2018/19. (The murder itself has to have taken place within the financial year).
- 4)For 2018/9 only, please provide:
 - a) The annual number of murder offences where the victim was known to be BAME (black and minority ethnic)
 - b) The annual number of charges for murder offences where the victim was known to be BAME made within 6 months of the day the murder occurred (The murder itself has to have taken place within the financial year).
 - c) The annual number of charges for murder offences where the victim was known to be BAME made within 1 year of the day the murder occurred (The murder itself has to have taken place within the financial year).

Clarification

The murder and charge do not have to have taken place in that financial year. The figures for Qs 2 and 3 relate specifically to 6 month and 12 month intervals from murder offences which have occurred within the financial years specified in the request. So where a murder has taken place on 1st March 2017 but the charge occurred on 1st May 2017, that charge should be recorded as a figure in Q2 (charges within 6 months) of the request under 2016/17, even though the charge occurred in the following financial year. That way they are a direct illustration of numbers and speed of charges corresponding to specific offences. The same rationale applied to Q4 too. Is that clearer? Additionally, to further clarify, Qs 2 and 3 relate to the number of murder offences that resulted in a charge/summons outcome within timeframes, not

the number of individuals charged. There have been a few clarifications on this specific issue so I will issue a clarification to all forces who received the request

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I have removed the reference "(The murder itself has to have taken place within the financial year)" in the original request in the below email which may have caused the confusion. The parenthesis was attempting to link the charge data to the specific financial year that the murder offence took place. Additionally, to further clarify, Qs 2 and 3 relate to the number of murder offences that resulted in a charge/summons outcome within timeframes, not the number of individuals charged.

This was not queried, but for the avoidance of doubt, 'murder offences' relate specifically to murder offences and not all forms of homicide.

For those forces who have already provided their data, please can you double check it was provided on these clarified grounds? This appeared to be the case in most responses (i.e. the figures for Qs 2 and 3 corresponded to the financial year of the offence even if the charge occurred in a different year itself) but it is not possible to be sure without checking, especially as some forces have very few murders.

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: -

Please see the data for your request in the attachment to the Email

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.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Officer

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