



Our Ref: 002822/20

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 07 September 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 24/08/2020.

I note you seek access to the following information:

As you will be aware, police forces are required to collect information on Use of Force, which includes tactics used and the ethnicity of the subject. Please could you provide me with:

1) The total number of times Use of Force was used for the period January to March 2020. Please break this total number down by tactic and present the information in an Excel spreadsheet. Ideally this should look like:

January to March 2020

Tasers used: 5

Batons: 10

Dogs: 2

Total Use of Force: 12

Please note, there are of course many more tactics than this. The link I provided gives a full list, but you may have your own.

2) Please provide details of the ethnicity of the subjects that Use of Force tactics were used against. Using the preceding example table, this should look like:

January to March 2020

Tasers used: 5 Asian: 1 White: 4

Batons: 10 Black: 1 White: 9

Dogs: 2 White: 2

Please present this information in an Excel spreadsheet. Please use ethnicity codes, if you would like, but please provide me with a key for that. If you cannot, for operational or cost reasons, provide the ethnicity of subject for each tactic, please provide the ethnicity breakdown for the total number of tactics e.g.

January to March 2020

Total Use of Force: 12 Asian: 2 Black: 3 White: 7

3) Please repeat requests 1 and 2 for the time period April to June 2020. If you do not yet have data for this entire period, please provide it for the months you do have.

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 attached spreadsheet containing information relating to your request.

Please be aware that Use of Force is recorded by each Officer that uses Force. E.g. if 3 Officers used force on one subject, there would be 3 use of force records. So for ethnicity figures, this is not based on individual subjects that force was used on rather than it is based on how many records of use of force were made. E.g. 3 Officers could use force on an Asian subject, so Asian would be recorded 3 times in the ethnicity data.

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
Leicestershire Police

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