



Our Ref: 002829/20

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 08 September 2020

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:

I am writing to request details of various items of record keeping and expenditure by the Force.

In detail, these are:

- 1. The number of items and total estimated value of items lost or stolen from evidence lockers/storage in the 2019-20 and current financial years. Please break this list down by individual item, including a description of each item and its estimated value.*
- 2. The total cost of compensation payouts to suspects knocked off mopeds/scooters by police vehicles during a pursuit in the 2019-20 and current financial years. If possible, please break this list down by individual incident, including a description and cost.*
- 3. The total cost of repairs incurred from the wrong type of fuel used for police vehicles in the 2019-20 and current financial years. If possible, please break this list down by individual incident, including a description and cost.*

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: -

Q1 - 5 items. Their value, condition and age is not known as this detail has not been recorded on the entry.

BB gun and tub containing silver BB bullets.
Large 'Rambo' style knife and sheath
12 Inch Hunting Knife
Black Sony Mobile Phone
Black Sony Mobile Phone

Q2

Leicestershire Police have reviewed the motor claims listing for the period provided and are unable to identify any claims relating to 'suspects knocked off mopeds/scooters by police vehicles during a pursuit in the 2019-20 and current financial years.'

Q3

In the year 2019-20 there were 12 instances of the wrong type fuel used in police vehicles and the cost of repair totalled £1596.90

In 1920-21 to date, there have been two instances at a cost of £269.53

To provide any further breakdown of the details would require a manual search of all the records to ascertain if the information is recorded within, therefore engaging a Section 12 exemption.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Leicestershire Police, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The exemption(s) applicable to the information are as follows.

Section 12 – Cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit.

In order to retrieve the information you have requested would therefore be in excess of the 18 hours specified by the Home Office as the time period for which a police force should allocate to a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004, the current regulatory limit which has been set by the Secretary of State for public authorities, which includes the police service, is £450 for the marginal costs which are the costs of finding, sorting, editing or redacting information and disbursements (printing, photocopying etc). The Association of Chief Police Officers have agreed a national standard of an hourly rate of £25 is to be charged for the time taken. In essence therefore, the costs equate to 18 hours work per request. It will be apparent therefore that within the time frame of 18 hours it will not be possible to extract the information to answer any of your questions.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under s12(1) as the cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the "appropriate level" as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

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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