



Our Ref: 003191/20

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 28 September 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

I write in connection with your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), received on 24/09/2020 in which you requested the following information: -

Please note that where this survey refers specifically to police officers, and does not include members of police staff due to the latter not falling within the remit of s.26 CJA.

Q1) How many times has your organisation conducted investigations into police officers under s.26 CJA between February 2015 and February 2019?

Q2) How many times has your organisation conducted investigations into police officers under the common law offence of misconduct in public office (MIPO) between February 2015 and February 2019?

Q3) How many times has your organisation conducted investigations into police officers perverting the course of justice between February 2015 and February 2019?

Q4) How many times has your organisation conducted investigations into police officers for bribery offences between February 2015 and February 2019?

Q5) How many times has your organisation conducted investigations into police officers for fraud offences between February 2015 and February 2019?

Q6)a) Did any of the aforementioned investigations overlap? i.e. did the investigation consist of multiple offences relating to the same individual, such as s.26 CJA and MIPO

Q6)b) If yes, please detail the number of investigations which involved multiple offences.

Q7) How many times did your organisation conduct investigations into police officers under the common law offence of MIPO between January 2011 and January 2015?

Q8) How many times did your organisation conduct investigations into police officers for perverting the course of justice between January 2011 and January 2015?

Q9) How many times did your organisation conduct investigations into police officers for bribery offences between January 2011 and January 2015?

Q10) How many times did your organisation conduct investigations into police officers for fraud offences between January 2011 and January 2015?

Q11)a) Has your organisation provided formal training or guidance on s.26 CJA?

a) Yes

b) No

c) Not sure / don't know

Q11)b) What form did that training or guidance take?

•?Classroom

•?Online interactive training

•?Online read only training

•?Informal notification via email or internal webpage notice

•?Other

Q12) How many referrals (regardless of final outcome) to the Crown Prosecution Service has your organisation made of police officers under s.26 CJA between February 2015 and February 2019?

Q13)a) How many successful prosecutions has your organisation brought against police officers under s.26 CJA between February 2015 and February 2019?

Q13)b) What sentences were issued on those successful prosecutions?

Q14) How many referrals (regardless of final outcome) to the Crown Prosecution Service has your organisation made for police officers under the common law offence of MIPO between February 2015 and February 2019?

Q15)a) How many successful prosecutions has your organisation brought against police officers under the common law offence of MIPO between February 2015 and February 2019?

Q15)b) What sentences were issued on those successful prosecutions?

Q16)a) Has your organisation seen a change in the level of corruption / corrupt practices since February 2015?

- Yes
- No
- No change
- Don't know

Q16)b) Are you able to offer an explanation to your answer to Q17)a)?

Q17) Is there anything which this survey has not covered which you think is relevant to the research topic and would be beneficial to this study?

I can confirm, pursuant to s1(1)(a) of FOIA that this Force does hold the information you have requested.

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.

Leicestershire Police have a number of changes in recording systems in the time period you have requested, therefore to provide all of the information you have requested would require a manual search of some of these systems due to the manner in which it is held. This would take in excess of 18 hours.

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.

Section 16 – Duty to Assist

Leicestershire Police would be able to provide the last 3 years of information relating to your request within the 18 hours. Therefore, if you would like to redefine your request and resubmit we would be able to look into this further.

Leicestershire Police provides you the right to ask for a re-examination of your request under its review procedure. Letters should be addressed to the 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