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Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 29 September 2020

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 24/09/2020.

I note you seek access to the following information:

Could you provide the statistics on hit and run road traffic accidents in 2019 as well as 2019/2020?

How many of these incidents were reported to your force and what was the legal outcome? Were there any injuries? What vehicles were involved?

What were the top ten roads these accidents were mostly reported?

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: -

Leaving the scene of a road traffic collision is not a recordable offence and is not stored in a retrievable manner on our Force crime recording system (Niche) . However, it is an arrestable offence (code CJS RT 88 218) so it would be possible to see how many people have been arrested (albeit that would only be a proportion of the total and the custody system is unlikely to record the location of the matter that caused the arrest).

Arrest Month/Year	Disposal	Injury	Location	Vehicle
May-19	Reported for Consideration	Serious	Rearsby Road, Leicester	Vauxhall Corsa Black
Jun-19	Report for Further Processing	Minor	Barkby Road, Syston	Vauxhall Vivaro Black
Aug-19	Charged	Serious	Tithe Street, Leicester	Nissan NV200 White
Dec-19	Report for Further Processing	Serious	Grace Road, Leicester	Peugeot Boxer White

Leicestershire Police are unable to provide the number of how many are reported overall nor the top 10 roads.

This detail is not retrievable in any electronic format. It would be necessary to check all RTC records individually which would then engage a section 12 exemption under FOI legislation.

I can confirm, pursuant to s1(1)(a) of FOIA that this Force does hold some of 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.

In order to retrieve some of 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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