



Our Ref: 002896/20

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 01 October 2020

Dear Sir / Madam,

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 01/09/2020.

I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1. Does your force currently have any type of 'Autism Card' scheme in which those who have an active diagnosis of Autism within the area can be provided with a card or some form of identification which makes officers or police personnel aware of their condition should they ever come into contact with law enforcement.*
- 2. If so, please can you provide information on the application process and provide a disclosure of any application forms, policy and/or guidance documents and also a downloadable version of the card (if available for the general public); AND*
- 3. Please provide a disclosure of the number of applications received for the issue of such a card under that or a similar scheme in a) the past year and b) in the past three years.*

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: -

Leicestershire Police do not currently operate an Autism Card. This issue has been discussed with or Disability Independent Advisory Group on several occasions and there was not support for introducing the card, the group has attendees who are on the Autism spectrum.

Leicestershire police do however have a Keep Safe card. This enables members of the public to carry a card, which can enable the individual to provide details of anything which they feel may be useful if they need to highlight a specific communication need. For example this can be Autism or that the person is deaf, living with dementia or ADHD. There is not a pre-registration for the card and they have been issued via libraries, public buildings and at events. It also links into the Council's Keep Safe Places operated throughout Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

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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