



Our Ref: 003154/20

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 08 October 2020

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 22/09/2020.

I note you seek access to the following information:

1. *On how many occasions have Leicestershire Police requested passenger or driver information from Uber in each of the following years a) 2020, b) 2019, c) 2018, d) 2017, e) 2016*
2. *For each year, on how many occasions has the request been accompanied by a warrant.*
3. *On how many occasions have a) prosecutions and b) convictions been made with the use of information and intelligence provided by Uber.*
4. *Whether Leicestershire Police have any data sharing agreements in place with any other private hire vehicle operator.*

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 have any data sharing agreements as requested in part 4 of your request.

The further information you have requested is considered exempt by virtue of Section 12.

Section 12 – Cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit.

Leicestershire Police do not hold information relating to requests for information from Uber in a searchable format, to identify the information you have requested would require a manual search of many records to identify those that meet the criteria you have requested. This would take well 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 are able to provide information relating to offences recorded relating to Uber. If Uber related offences would be of use to you, please resubmit a request advising what information you would like relating to Uber offences and the time frame you would like this for and we will be able to consider your new request.

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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