



Our Ref: 003263/20

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 21 October 2020

I write in connection with your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), received on 30/09/2020 in which you requested the following information: -

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please can you provide me with responses to the following from current data provided up until 27th July 2020, or from the most recent point before then when figures are available:

- 1) The total number of active-duty police officers who have had an allegation about their conduct substantiated?*
- 2) The total number of active-duty police officers who have had at least two allegations about their conduct substantiated?*
- 3) The most number of times allegations have been made against a single active-duty officer?*
- 4) The most number of times allegations have been substantiated against a single officer within the last 5 years? Please include officers who have since been dismissed*
- 5) The most number of times allegations have been substantiated against a single officer over use of force within the last 5 years? Please include officers who have since been dismissed*

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.

To provide the information you seek, it would be necessary for our Professional Standards Department (PSD) to search through the individual records for every current serving Police Officer which is approximately 2000 records.

At the present time I am unable to suggest how you could define your request in order for us to provide useful information for you.

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 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