



Our Ref: 003639/20

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 23 November 2020

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 30/10/2020.

I note you seek access to the following information:

1. *Does your force use, or has it ever used CS Incapacitant Spray.*
 2. *If yes to above, then does your force still use CS, and if not, what does it use now.*
 3. *If your force has swapped to a different incapacitant spray, when did it swap and what was the reason for the swap.*
 4. *Has your force ever had any legal action taken against it from Police Officers in relation to having had a skin reaction to CS Incapacitant Spray, if so, and the officer suffered a reaction to CS, did that officer remain employed as an officer or were they retired. If you could include numbers here.*
 5. *If the officer did suffer a reaction, were they offered a reasonable adjustment to stay in work.*
 6. *Does your force have a mechanism in place to report any injuries officers have suffered due to CS/Pepper to a central point. Example of what I mean here is that say two people at different ends of the country both suffer a side effect from Anadin Tablets and report this their GP, then their GP should report this back to a central database so any adverse reactions can be monitored nationally.*
 7. *Has any member of the public successfully sued your force for skin reactions blisters etc from CS Spray.*
- I appreciate the above may be difficult to answer as many forces have changed to Pepper Spray many years ago.*

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 can confirm the below in response to your request:

1. Yes, Leicestershire Police did use CS Incapacitant Spray.
2. No, Leicestershire Police no longer use CS spray, we now use CapTor2.
3. CapTor2 was introduced in 2004.
4. Leicestershire Police do not hold any information relating to this.
5. Leicestershire Police do not hold any information relating to this.
6. Leicestershire Police do not hold any information relating to this.

7. Leicestershire Police do not hold any information relating to this.

Please be aware that due to the age of the information you have requested Leicestershire Police have been unable to answer a number of your questions.

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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