



Our Ref: 003676/20

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 30 November 2020

I write in connection with your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), received on 03/11/2020 in which you requested the following information: -

- *Copies of training materials used to train officers on the use of stop-and-search powers since 27th September 2016.*
- *Where possible, an indication of when these training materials were in use.*
- *Names of any individuals or companies external to the force brought into provide training on the use of stop and search, along with dates they provided this training and number of officers who received it.*

By 'training materials' I am referring to material such as:

- *PowerPoint presentations or other slide shows*
- *Videos*
- *Written handouts*
- *Reading lists*

(Not an exhaustive list)

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.

Leicestershire Police do not hold this information you have requested in a readily extractable manner, therefore to provide all training materials back to September 2016 would take in excess of 18 hours to provide.

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 can confirm that all training and materials created are based on the College of Policing APP, information relating to this is readily available on the below links:

<https://www.college.police.uk/News/College-news/Pages/Stop-and-search-APP.aspx>

<https://www.app.college.police.uk/app-content/stop-and-search/?s=>

Further to the above we can confirm that Leicestershire Police provide this training via internal trainers, and that should you redefine your request to the current training materials Leicestershire Police would be able to consider such a 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 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