



Our Ref: 003861/20

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 15 December 2020

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 19/11/2020.

I note you seek access to the following information:

In the most recent available 1 year period:

- *The number of times drug detection dogs have been deployed as part of foot patrols (therefore excluding their deployment to the execution of warrants or callouts to incidents)*
- *If available, specifically within the Leicester City neighbourhood policing area*
- *The number of Stop & Searches carried out as a result of these deployments*
- *The number of positive searches out of these*

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 have deployed a drug detection dog with a foot patrol on 15 occasions in the last 12 months. These have mostly been with in the Leicester City area with a small number in Hinckley and Loughborough.
Any further information would invoke Section 12.

Section 12 – Cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit.

Leicestershire Police do not hold the information you have requested in a readily retrievable format. This information would require a manual review of records to establish where a search has taken place meeting the requirements of your request, this would take in excess of 18 hours to complete.

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 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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