



Our Ref: 003865/20

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 01 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:

- *The total number of hate crimes reported per year for the last 10 years?
(Including up to date 2020 figures)*
- *Breakdown of types of hate crimes reported per year for the last 10 years?
(Including up to date 2020 figures)*
- *The total number of arrests made as a result of hate crime incidents per year for the last 10 years?
(Including up to date 2020 figures)*

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: -

Please see attached spreadsheet containing information relating to your request. Please note that the breakdown is only available from April 28th 2015 due to a change in recording systems. Further, the only identifiable hate crime on the system containing the arrest details is Racial hate crimes – to provide the other hate strands arrest data would invoke section 12.

Section 12 – Cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit.

To provide the information relating to arrests for the hate strands other than Racial would require a manual review of arrests to identify those that were hate aggravated. This would take 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.

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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