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Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 18 December 2020

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I write further to your request for information received 30/11/2020.

I note you seek access to the following information:

*(1) Do you have a written policy, practice, order, direction or other document which sets out your policy on the use of CS incapacitant gas/spray and/or PAVA incapacitant gas/spray by your service members and/or staff? If the answer is in the affirmative, please provide copies of the current policy version, as well as copies of any version which has been in force at any time from 1 January 2018 to 28 November 2020.*

*(2) Do you provide or arrange training (of any form, and delivered by any means) for your service members and/or staff, on the use of CS incapacitant gas/spray and/or PAVA incapacitant gas/spray? If the answer is in the affirmative, please provide copies of the current version of the training syllabus/particulars etc. which is delivered as of 28 November 2020. Please note, I am not seeking disclosure of specific training materials or course content, but rather a relatively concise precis of the subject matter/content of the training.*

*(3) Do you provide or arrange training (of any form, and delivered by any means) for your service members and/or staff, on first aid etc. to be given following the use of CS incapacitant gas/spray and/or PAVA incapacitant gas/spray in the event that the subject or any other person suffers an adverse reaction to the administration of the noxious substance (such as an allergic reaction, or the loss of or reduction in vision or visual acuity which does not correct promptly and without intervention, or difficulty with breathing, or anaphylaxis, or any other similar adverse reaction)? If the answer is in the affirmative, please provide copies of the current version of the training syllabus/particulars etc. which is delivered as of 28 November 2020, as well as complete copies of all course materials which are deployed/used before, during or after the training.*

*(4) Do you keep records of incidents involving the deployment of CS incapacitant gas/spray and/or PAVA incapacitant gas/spray where the subject or any other person has suffered an adverse reaction which has required the administration of any first aid etc. referenced in your answer to (3) and/or attention from a registered healthcare practitioner, such as a paramedic, doctor, or nurse? If the answer is in the affirmative, please provide full particulars of the record media/content which would be completed and retained in such circumstances, as well as copies of any document templates etc. which are in use. Please note, I am not seeking information concerning any particular or specific "real" incident which might have transpired, but rather information concerning*

*the information/datasets which you \*would\* collect following a relevant incident, as well as copies of the forms/paperwork templates, which would be used to gather/record that information/dataset.*

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 relation to your request:

1. Leicestershire Police did not have a specific policy in place for this during the time period requested, however the Force have adhered to the National Police guidelines from the NPCC during this time period.
2. Leicestershire Police Officers receive around a 3 hour input on captor including physical skills during their initial training, Officers during this input also receive information regarding aftercare. Leicestershire Police's training on Captor trains the officer to:
  - a. State the chemical name of Captor.
  - b. State the chemical contents of an operational canister.
  - c. State the effects of Captor.
  - d. State when and how Captor should be used and justify its use.
  - e. State the "Aftercare" required for Captor.
  - f. Demonstrate use of Training spray and prepare for failure drills.
3. In addition to the above, Officers will also receive a 2 day first aid course during their initial training.

After initial training officers will receive either a one day or a two day refresher course which incorporates an input of 4 hrs first aid and then on a rolling programme a refresher on captor.

With the skills that officers receive during their training they have the ability to complete the initial first aid requirement and have equipment to deliver the aftercare to a subject sprayed with captor, they would also give advice to a subject regarding the effects and in the rare occasions when someone suffers an allergic reaction be able to recognise signs and refer to a medical professional.

Allergic reactions are rare and it is not routine for a medical professional to attend and treat someone who has been sprayed with captor.

If a person has been sprayed with captor then it is likely that they will have been arrested and will have attended a custody suite where custody staff have enhanced first aid training and would assess and triage a subject and arrange appropriate medical treatment for any person requiring further medical intervention.
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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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