



Our Ref: 004010/20

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 04 December 2020

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 02/12/2020.

I note you seek access to the following information:

Please can you provide a breakdown of all reports of rape and other sexual offences that have been recorded with the keyword/tag: 'private tutor' over the past five calendar years (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and up to December for 2020).

For each where possible, please could you breakdown it down into:

- Year of the reported crime*
- Type of offence*
- Age and gender of the alleged victim*
- Age and gender of the alleged suspect (if known)*

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 are only able to search the Occurrence Summary and can confirm that **ZERO** sexual offences have the keyword 'private tutor' in the occurrence summary. To search the full log for this would invoke Section 12.

Section 12 – Cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit.

Due to the recording system used within Leicestershire Police we are unable to automatically search the occurrence logs to identify those holding key words. Therefore to search these to identify those relevant to request would require a manual search of all sexual offences to identify those meeting the criteria of your request. 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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