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Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 26 January 2021

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 09/12/2020.

I note you seek access to the following information:

1. *Please confirm whether your force has a formal policy in place in relation to when they share information or data related to victims of or witnesses to crimes who come into contact with the police with the Home Office for immigration purposes;*
2. *If the answer to question 1 is yes, please disclose the name of the policy and outline how long it has been in force; and*
3. *Please provide us with a copy of the policy and any equalities statement carried out in respect of it.*

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 do not currently have a formal policy in relation to sharing information or data related to victims of or witnesses to crimes who come into contact with the police with the Home Office for immigration purposes.

We are currently in the process of formalizing a procedure that encompasses this and have detailed the relevant section below:

The NCCU process is for persons encountered as a suspect in criminal matters, victims and witnesses are not to be routinely checked through this route.

Where an officer becomes aware that the immigration status of a witness/victim is an issue in the case then they should consult with a supervisor as to the next steps. The questions a supervisor should consider are:
What information to share? When to share it? What is the purpose of sharing?

Each investigation will be considered in the light of the information known and a consultative approach should be taken with the victim/witness to explain any

intention to share, why that decision has been made and what the implications may be.

More information and guidance can be found here:

<https://www.npcc.police.uk/Guidance%20on%20Info%20Sharing%20with%20Home%20Office%20Website%202020.pdf>

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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