



Our Ref: 004187/20

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Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 26 January 2021

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I write further to your request for information received 16/12/2020.

I note you seek access to the following information:

1. *How many protest organisers have contacted your force stating their plans to organise a protest between 23rd March 2020 and 15th December 2020?*
 - a. *Of these, how many protests were approved?*
 - b. *How many were rejected on the grounds of coronavirus legislation?*
 - c. *How many were cancelled or postponed by the organisers of their own accord?*
2. *When dealing with protest requests, does your force provide routine guidance, questionnaires or templates to those seeking to organise? If yes, please attach these. Given changes in Regulations, please provide for each period:*
 - a. *Between 23rd March 2020 and 3rd July 2020 (Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) Regulations 2020)*
 - b. *Between 3rd July 2020 and 14th October 2020 (Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2020)*
 - c. *Between 14th October 2020 and 5th November 2020 (Health Protection (Coronavirus, Local Alert Level) (England) Regulations 2020)*
 - d. *Between 5th November 2020 and 2nd December 2020 (Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (No. 4) Regulations 2020)*
 - e. *From 2nd December 2020 to 15th December 2020 (Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (All Tiers) Regulations 2020)*
3. *What is your force's procedure for assessing risk assessments provided by protest organisers?*

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: -

1. Leicestershire Police were contacted by around 15 protest organisers in the time period specified.
 - a. Leicestershire Police do not 'approve' protests, but facilitate them in line with the legislation if there is an identified organiser.

- b. Please see above.
 - c. There were 3 or 4 where the organisers cancelled due to COVID-19.
2. Please see attached questionnaire that is sent to the organisers of protests. This is a generic questionnaire and covers all periods in this question.
3. It is not the Police's responsibility to assess risk assessments from a compliance point of view. Each case is assessed on its merits

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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