



Our Ref: 004242/20

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Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 08 January 2021

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 21/12/2020.

I note you seek access to the following information:

1. *How many police officers in your force were working in schools as of 1st January in the following years? This could be a named officer, a liaison officer either working in or responsible for a school:*
 - a. 2016
 - b. 2017
 - c. 2018
 - d. 2019
 - e. 2020 to date
2. *How many complaints were received by your police force about school based police officers identified in the answer to question 1 in each of the years (please also describe the nature of the complaint):*
 - a. 2016
 - b. 2017
 - c. 2018
 - d. 2019
 - e. 2020 to date
3. *Can you explain your force's interaction with school-aged children and or college/sixth form students? If any, what interactions do your officers undertake in places of education?*

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 have any Officers based in schools and therefore no information is held relating to questions 1 and 2.

In relation to question 2, Leicestershire Police do have a team of School Liaison Officers, their role is to provide a link between schools and policing, to facilitate and support the early identification and access to interventions / diversion work of children vulnerable to serious violence and child criminal exploitation. Working directly with Neighbourhood Policing Areas (NPAs) and the Serious Crime Safeguarding Hub to share information, identify safeguarding concerns and problem-solve the issues with schools and our partners.

This allows for the correct level of support to be provided to each education setting.

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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