



Our Ref: 000085/21

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 03 February 2021

I write in connection with your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), received on 07/01/2021 in which you requested the following information: -

Can you tell me how many officers/staff within Leicestershire police had some kind of civil injunction/non molestation order/domestic orders from 2012 to present date? And how many of those people received a written warning or a final written warning or any sanctions

And can you also take this as my request to show from 2017 – present day the same question but with a shorter time frame.

I can confirm, pursuant to s1(1)(a) of FOIA that this Force does hold the information you have requested.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Leicestershire Police, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The exemption(s) applicable to the information are as follows.

Section 12 – Cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit.

Leicestershire Police have thoroughly reviewed your refined request, in order to provide an accurate answer to your request we would be required to review all civil injunctions and non-molestation/domestic orders that have been issued cross reference against all Officers and Staff working for Leicestershire Police in order to identify those issued to either Officers or Staff. This information is not held in a central location and would require this cross reference to be made in order to accurately determine all Officers and Staff with such orders. This request would take in excess of 18 hours to complete.

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.

Section 16 – Duty to Assist

Leicestershire Police can confirm that no person has received a warning or final written warning relating to any of the orders in your request.

Leicestershire Police provides you the right to ask for a re-examination of your request under its review procedure. Letters should be addressed to the 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