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Address Correspondence to: Information Management

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I write further to your request for information received 13/01/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

Could you please tell me how many police officers in your force are able to communicate with a deaf person by sign language? Are there any policies in place regarding sign language within your force?

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 operate the Police Link Officers for the Deaf scheme. We have 24 officers and staff in the PLOD group, they have different levels of skills in relation to BSL - from those who are Children of Deaf Adults who have no qualifications but have signed all their life through to 3 officers/staff who are training to interpreter level, and a range of staff who are anywhere between level 1 BSL to level 6 BSL.

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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