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Address Correspondence to: Information Management

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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 26/11/2020.

I note you seek access to the following information:

REQUEST 1

1. *For the provision of your constabulary/force/service the total annual costs for the provision of custodial medical care in custody suites (sometimes known as "forensic medical services") for each of the financial years 2017/2018, 2018/19 and 2019/20. For the avoidance of doubt these figures should include:*

- *The detail of costs to the constabulary for healthcare of detainees (the need for whose assessment is determined by PACE Codes of Practice) provided by healthcare professionals (doctors, nurse or paramedics) employed by yourselves and/or any outsourced provider (this figure is to include all costs of locum healthcare professionals covering sickness, maternity or other leave)*
- *The administrative costs (to include infrastructure, personnel and any other relevant resources) to manage the custody healthcare service (and in the case of outsourced providers, the cost to the constabulary to manage that contract).*

2. *For each of those years (2017/2018, 2018/19 and 2019/20), provision of the numbers of examinations/assessments of detainees undertaken in the custody setting, including multiple assessments of the same detainee*

3. *For each of those years (2017/2018, 2018/19 and 2019/20), provision of the number of examination/assessments of detainees done by each of the following types of healthcare professional (HCP) - doctor, nurse or paramedic*

4. *For each of those years (2017/2018, 2018/19 and 2019/20), the name and details of the provider of custodial healthcare (if contracted to an independent commercial provider or NHS trust)*

5. *For each of those years (2017/2018, 2018/19 and 2019/20), provision of the number of HCPs directly employed within each HCP group (ie doctor, nurse, paramedic) by your constabulary*

6. *For each of those years (2017/2018, 2018/19 and 2019/20), provision of the number of HCPs contracted within each HCP group (ie doctor, nurse, paramedic) by your constabulary or by any other provider of custodial healthcare*

7. For each of those years (2017/2018, 2018/19 and 2019/20) , the minimum experience, training and qualification when recruiting for each HCP group (ie doctor, nurse, paramedic) required to work within your custody suites
 8. Is the current clinical lead for custodial healthcare a doctor, nurse or paramedic?
 9. Who is the employer of the current clinical lead?
 10. For each of those years (2017/2018, 2018/19 and 2019/20) , the total number of detainees processed through your constabularies' custody suites
 11. For each of those years (2017/2018, 2018/19 and 2019/20), the number of full-time custody suites within your constabulary.
 12. For each of those years (2017/2018, 2018/19 and 2019/20), the number of available cells (when all full-time custody suites are fully operational)
- For each of those years (2017/2018, 2018/19 and 2019/20) , the numbers of deaths in custody that have been recorded

REQUEST 2

The request relates to healthcare professionals providing police custodial and forensic medical/healthcare services and is:

1. For the provision of the numbers of healthcare professionals (doctors, nurses and paramedics – who may variously be referred to as Forensic Medical Examiners or Forensic Medical Officers or Custody or Forensic Nurse Practitioners or Custody or Forensic Nurse Managers or Custody or Forensic Paramedics, and Clinical Directors or similar titles) who have undertaken forensic medical and healthcare roles within police custody suites (as employees or under contracts of service) for the Cleveland Police (or relevant employing authority, company, body or organisation) in the years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 (to date).
2. A) For provision of the numbers of healthcare professionals (doctors, nurses and paramedics – who may variously be referred to as Forensic Medical Examiners or Forensic Medical Officers or Custody or Forensic Nurse Practitioners or Custody or Forensic Nurse Managers or Custody or Forensic Paramedics, and Clinical Directors or similar titles) working for the Cleveland Police (or relevant employing authority, company, body or organisation) who have had complaints made against them in the years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 (to date)
2B) and the nature of those complaints.
3. A) For provision of the numbers of healthcare professionals (doctors, nurses and paramedics – who may variously be referred to as Forensic Medical Examiners or Forensic Medical Officers or Custody or Forensic Nurse Practitioners or Custody or Forensic Nurse Managers or Custody or Forensic Paramedics, and Clinical Directors or similar titles) who have had their contracts of service or employment terminated by the Cleveland Police (or relevant employing authority, company, body or organisation) in the years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 (to date)
3B) and the reasons for each termination.
4. A) For provision of the numbers of healthcare professionals (doctors, nurses and paramedics – who may variously be referred to as Forensic Medical Examiners or Forensic Medical Officers or Custody or Forensic Nurse Practitioners or Custody or Forensic Nurse Managers or Custody or Forensic Paramedics, and Clinical Directors or similar titles) who have had their contracts of service of employment not renewed at the time of renewal by the Cleveland Police (or relevant employing authority, company, body or organisation) in the years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 (to date)
4B) and the reasons for each non-renewals.
5. For provision of copies of any disciplinary and dispute processes utilised by the Cleveland Police in the management of complaints about healthcare professionals working in the police custodial and forensic medical services settings.

6. *For provision of the numbers of healthcare professionals (doctors, nurses and paramedics – who may variously be referred to as Forensic Medical Examiners or Forensic Medical Officers or Custody or Forensic Nurse Practitioners or Custody or Forensic Nurse Managers or Custody or Forensic Paramedics, and Clinical Directors or similar titles) who have been referred to their respective professional bodies (namely the General Medical Council, the Nursing & Midwifery Council, and the Health & Care Professions Council) by the Cleveland Police (or relevant employing authority, company, body or organisation) in the years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 (to date) 6B) and the reasons for each referral.*

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: -

Request 1

1. The total annual cost for custodial medical care in custody suites was:
 - a. 2017/18 - £959,848.39
 - b. 2018/19 - £959,848.39
 - c. 2019/20 - £978,925.36
2. The number of examinations/assessments of detainees undertaken in these years was:
 - a. 2017/18 – 4334 (only held from 01/11/2017)
 - b. 2018/19 – 10984
 - c. 2019/20 – 9344
3. The above examinations/assessments were all undertaken by nurses.
4. In those years the provider of custodial healthcare was Mitie Care & Custody Health.
5. None of the healthcare professionals for those years were employed by Leicestershire Police directly. The below numbers are contracted to Leicestershire Police but employed by the above contracted company:
 - a. 2017/18 – 1 Doctor, 28 Nurses
 - b. 2018/19 – 1 Doctor, 34 Nurses
 - c. 2019/20 – 35 Nurses
6. The minimum experience, training and qualification required to work Leicestershire Police is:
Registered General Nurse, dual qualified RGN/RMN or registered Paramedic with a minimum of 2 years post qualification experience.
Must hold the appropriate full HCPC or NMC membership with no restriction on practice.
7. The clinical lead is a Nurse.
8. The current employer of the clinical lead is Mitie Care & Custody (Health).
9. The number of detainees processed through Leicestershire Police custody in those years was:
 - a. 2017/18 – 14,064
 - b. 2018/19 – 13,860
 - c. 2019/20 – 13,921

10. The number of full-time custody suites in these years was 3.
11. The number of cells available within Leicestershire Police for these years was 68.
12. Leicestershire Police have recorded *ZERO* deaths in custody in the above 3 years.

Request 2

1. The numbers of healthcare professionals who have undertaken forensic medical and healthcare roles within Leicestershire Police are:
 - a. 2016 – 26
 - b. 2017 – 29
 - c. 2018 – 35
 - d. 2019 – 35
 - e. 2020 – 26

Information relating to Q2-6 of this request is considered exempt by virtue of Section 40(2).

Section 40 (2) – Personal Information

Section 40(2) is a class based absolute exemption and as such legislators have identified that there would be harm in disclosure and there is no requirement to evidence this or consider the public interest test. However, as Section 40(2) is engaged and in order to make the exemption absolute we need to evidence that a data protection principle would be breached by disclosure. In this case it would not be fair to process confidential information which could lead to the identification of an individual, therefore the first principle of the Data Protection Act would be breached.

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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