



Our Ref: 000514/21

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 12 March 2021

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 12/02/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

Please provide me with full answers to each of the following questions regarding your force's investigator numbers:

- 1. How many full-time equivalent investigators, of all ranks, did your force have as of January 1st 2021?*
- 2. What was the equivalent figure for January 1st 2020?*
- 3. What is your force's current shortage of investigator - eg how many positions are vacant/unfilled?*
- 4. During 2020, how many retired investigators were rehired by your force?*
- 5. How much money did your force spend on hiring civilian investigators via recruitment agencies in 2020?*

Note: In case of confusion as to which officers are classed as investigators, please use the same classifications as in the Home Office police workforce data (<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/police-workforce-england-and-wales-31-march-2020>) i.e. Investigations Command Team, Major Investigation Unit, Economic Crime, Specialist Investigation Units, Serious & Organised Crime Unit, Local Investigation and Cyber Crime. You do not need to include the investigative support category i.e. forensics.

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. As of January 1st 2021, Leicestershire Police had 594 investigators of all ranks.
2. As of January 1st 2020, Leicestershire Police had 801 investigators of all ranks.
3. The total number of vacancies for investigator posts is 52.27
4. During 2020, 1 retired investigator was rehired by Leicestershire Police through an agency.
5. Leicestershire Police spent £ 195,910 on hiring civilian investigators via recruitment agencies in 2020.

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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