



Our Ref: 000758/21

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 26 March 2021

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 04/03/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

Please can you provide the number of women killed by an abusive partner, partner, or stalker from 2011 to date (please break down in yearly intervals). If this will exceed the time of request - please go from 2015 onwards)

Please can you detail how they were killed and what action was taken against their killer (eg. Prison sentence, caution, no action taken).

How many of these women who were killed had previously reported their murderer to the police force for threatening behaviour?

If these women had reported their murderer to the police force for threatening behaviour, how many times had they previously reported them and what action was taken by the police force on these occasions?

Were any of these cases subsequently referred to the Independent Office for Police Conduct?

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: -

Please find attached spreadsheet containing information relating to Domestic Related murders. The details of these cases can be found easily within the media.

The further information you have requested is exempt by virtue of section 12.

Section 12 – Cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit.

Leicestershire Police would be required to conduct a manual review in order to establish whether there were any previous contacts regarding abuse by the murderers in these cases. This 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.

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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