



Our Ref: 001141/21

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 21 April 2021

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 01/04/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

I am looking into drivers fined and points allocated to them for using their mobile phone while driving in Leicestershire.

I am sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act to ask for the following information.

- 1. Please provide the number of drivers fined and given points during 1 January 2018-31 December 2018, 1 January 2019-31 December 2019 inclusive, 1 January 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 March 2021.*
- 2. Please provide a breakdown by month for each year separately e.g. January 2018; February 2018; etc.*
- 3. If you think you will exceed your 18-hour limit, please would you start with 2021 first, then 2020.*
- 4. Please would you supply a link where it shows the fines and points on licence policy?*

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 see the attachment to the email.
Please note the following:

Q1 - The number of court summons are provided. To provide the Court outcomes would be exempt by virtue of Section 12

I can confirm, pursuant to s1(1)(a) of FOIA that this Force may 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.

It would be necessary to search each record individually and record the outcomes from each one. 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.

Q4 – Leicestershire Police do not know what is meant by “fines and points on licence policy”. We have no such named or specific document. I have provided a link to general information on the attachment.

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.

Freedom of Information Officer
Leicestershire Police

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