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Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 26 April 2021

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 08/04/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

Freedom of Information request into Out of Court Disposals Scrutiny Panels

1. *Whether there is a scrutiny panel in existence in your area, and whether this is active*

And if there is an active scrutiny panel in your area:

2. *Who attends the panel on a regular basis*
3. *What the outcomes of the panel are, and how they are shared with the police and public.*

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. Leicestershire Police have an Out of Court Disposals Scrutiny Panel, meetings are held quarterly, with the most recent one in March 2021. 30 randomly selected cases are reviewed, these must include 15 youth, 15 adult and at least 5 domestic abuse cases.
2. The below people are on the panel regularly:
 - a. Independent Chair
 - b. A member of the Officer of the Police and Crime Commissioner
 - c. A Police Chief Inspector
 - d. Police Crime Registrar
 - e. Judiciary (Magistrate)
 - f. Legal Advisor (HMCTS)
 - g. CPS Lawyer
 - h. Youth Services
 - i. Probation Representative
3. Cases are reviewed and graded. In reviewing a case, the Panel will discuss and agree a categorisation against four options:

Use of OOCd is considered to be:

1. Appropriate and consistent with Police policies / the CPS Code for Crown Prosecutors.
2. Appropriate with observations.
3. Inappropriate and inconsistent with policy.
4. Panel fails to reach a conclusion.

Feedback to officers can be written or verbal depending on the circumstances and whatever is appropriate for that particular case.

Following the Panel meeting, the Criminal Justice Department will prepare a report for publication to internal and external stakeholders.

The report will contain brief details of the purpose of the Panel and the process undertaken. It will contain details of:

- The number of cases disposed of in that quarter
- The percentage and number disposed of by way of Out of Court disposal
- A summary of the Panel's findings in respect of the cases considered

The report is placed on the OPCC website and Force Website.

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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