



Our Ref: 001363/21

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 19 May 2021

I write in connection with your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), received on 20/04/2021 in which you requested the following information: -

Please could you tell me under FOI:

*1, How many police officers employed by your force currently (as of 20 April 2021) have a protective order in place against them?
I mean any protective order issued by a criminal or civil court or the police - including restraining orders, non-molestation orders, stalking protection orders, protection from harassment orders, domestic violence protection notices and occupation orders.
2, For each officer please outline the type of order(s) in place.*

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

Leicestershire Police do not hold the information you have requested in a readily retrievable format on our systems. To identify the number of cases where such an injunction/order has been issued to an Officer would require a manual review of incidents reported to Leicestershire Police's Professional Standards Department to identify if such an order or injunction is recorded as having been issued as this would be within the working sheets of the investigation. Further, this would not include civil matters as these are not recordable on our systems. This manual review would take in excess of 18 hours to carry out the review.

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 the 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