



Our Ref: 001474/21

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 26 May 2021

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 29/04/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

- For the years 2018, 2019, and 2020, please provide me, if possible, with the number of people with developmental disabilities/neurodivergent conditions (which may include but is not limited to autism spectrum disorder, Aspergers, ADHD, Tourette Syndrome, and intellectual disabilities) that have been arrested by Leicestershire Constabulary.*
- For the years 2018, 2019, and 2020, please provide details on staff training in relation to dealing with people who have developmental disabilities/neurodivergent conditions. Please provide information on when each training session occurred and how long for, which person or organisation delivered each training, the form the training was delivered in, how many police officers attended each training, and whether the training was mandatory. Please also provide any training materials received by officers and any other documents pertaining to the training.*

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: -

With regards to question 2:

Leicestershire Police cover autism as part of the initial training that all Police Officers receive. It is normally done in the form of a face to face input but was self-taught last year due to COVID-19. This is done to material provided by the National Autistic Society.

As the timetable for each Cohort varies due to external factors, we cannot pinpoint precisely at what time the training is delivered within 18 hours and therefore have provided all on all Police cohorts between 2018 and 2020.

Start Date	End Date	Number of Police Officers
27-Nov-17	30-Mar-18	16

05-Feb-18	05-Feb-18	20
16-Apr-18	10-Aug-18	21
18-Jun-18	12-Oct-18	10
30-Jul-18	30-Jul-18	18
04-Mar-19	28-Jun-19	19
24-Jun-19	18-Oct-19	26
27-Jan-20	15-May-20	33
24-Feb-20	19-Jun-20	32
30-Mar-20	21-Jul-20	31
27-Apr-20	24-Jul-20	14
29-May-20	18-Sep-20	31
10-Jul-20	16-Oct-20	31
14-Aug-20	20-Nov-20	34
26-Oct-20	12-Feb-21	32
30-Nov-20	19-Mar-21	34
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Information relating to Question 1 is considered exempt by virtue of Section 12:

Section 12 – Cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit.

Leicestershire Police do not have a field on our recording system for ‘developmental disabilities/neurodivergent’, such conditions would be listed in the ‘other comments section of the custody booking in. IT would therefore require a manual check of 40,893 records to identify those where a condition meeting the requirements of this request is listed. This would take well in excess of 18 hours.

In order to retrieve the information you have requested in this question 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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