



Our Ref: 001673/21

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 27 May 2021

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 14/05/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

From Jan 2019 to Dec2019

From Jan 2020 To Dec 2020

- 1) *How many sex offenders are registered in your constabulary area?*
- 2) *How many sex offenders are missing?*
- 3) *How many sex offenders have notified the force of a name change?*
- 4) *How many sex offenders have notified the force they are travelling abroad?*
- 5) *How many police officers are allocated to management of sex offenders?*

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 the below numbers of registered sex offenders in our area in the time periods requested:
 - a. 2019 – 1135
 - b. 2020 – 1191
2. Leicestershire Police recorded the below registered sex offenders as missing in the time periods requested:
 - a. 2019 – 0
 - b. 2020 – 0
3. Information relating to this question is considered exempt by virtue of Section 12 as set out below.
4. The below numbers of registered sex offenders notified the Force that they were travelling abroad in the time periods requested:
 - a. 2019 – 235
 - b. 2020 – 85

5. The below numbers of Officers were allocated to managing registered sex offenders in the time periods requested:

- a. 2019 – 30
- b. 2020 – 30

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 requested information in a retrievable format. This would require a manual review of the data on the systems for the 2 years you have requested, to identify how many, if any relate to your request. 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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