



Our Ref: 001929/21

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Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 28 June 2021

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 04/06/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

I would like data on the total number of domestic abuse-related offences recorded by the force between 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020, broken down by the victim's ethnicity.

Please send me:

- 1). The number and type of crime outcomes recorded for domestic-abuse related offences*, broken down by sex and ethnicity of the victim, and the nature of the offence – e.g. psychological, physical, sexual or emotional. Please only include offences that have been assigned an outcome, and group them by the year the outcome was recorded rather than the year the crime took place.*
- 2). Of the cases that resulted in a charge or summons in part 1 of this request (by year the outcome was recorded), please provide a breakdown of the sex and ethnicity of the suspect, whilst retaining the breakdown of the sex and ethnicity of the victim*
- 3). The number of times a suspect was arrested in relation to a domestic abuse-related offence, broken down by the sex and ethnicity of the suspect and of the victim*
- 4). The number of women who sought a domestic abuse protection order, by ethnicity*
- 5). The number of women who were granted a domestic abuse protection order, by ethnicity*
- 6). The number of men who sought a domestic abuse protection order, by ethnicity*
- 7). The number of men who were granted a domestic abuse protection order, by ethnicity*

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 attached spreadsheet containing information relating to your request.

Information relating to Questions 4-7 of your request are considered exempt by virtue of section 12.

Section 12 – Cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit.

Leicestershire Police do not hold the detail you have requested relating to domestic abuse protection orders in a readily retrievable format. To provide the information you have requested would require a manual review of all domestic abuse protection orders in order to provide the detail requested. This would take in excess of 18 hours.

In order to retrieve the further 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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