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Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 05 July 2021

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 07/06/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1. How many complaints has your force received over allegations that police officers or members of police staff have been involved in political activity that is likely to interfere with the impartial discharge of their duty.
This includes allegations of inappropriate comments made on social media.*
- 2. How many police officers or police staff with your force have been investigated over complaints of involvement in political activity that is likely to interfere with the impartial discharge of their duty.
This includes allegations of inappropriate comments made on social media.*

Please could you provide the information broken down on a calendar yearly basis for the past five years up to the latest data available. 2016 - 2021 inclusive

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 not received any external complaints over allegations that Police Officers or Police Staff have been involved in political activity that is likely to interfere with the impartial discharge of their duty.

Leicestershire Police have recorded the below numbers of internal reports concerning inappropriate comments on social media of a political nature:

2016 - 1
2017 - 0
2018 - 3
2019 - 0
2020 - 2
2021 - 0

2. None of the above resulted in formal investigations, however they were concluded with the below actions:

2016 – 1 Management Action

2017 – 0

2018 – 2 Management Action, 1 Words of Advice

2019 – 0

2020 – 1 Management Action, 1 Words of Advice

2021 – 0

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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