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Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 05 July 2021

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 09/06/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1. Can I request information or clarity if a Police Officer should be wearing a mask during a routine police traffic stop when opening the door of a member of the public's car?*
- 2. To clarify if the officer places their head into the vehicle to speak to the member if the public surely, they are mandated to wear a facial mask within an indoor environment.*
- 3. Does an officer need to provide some form of introduction or identify to clarify whom they are and why they have stopped a member of the public's vehicle before attempting to open the vehicle's door? Surely, they request for the door to be opened not attempt to open it themselves?*
- 4. Am I not to be provided written receipt of any offence at the time of the charge not be informed I must await to be contacted at a later date?*

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: -

Leicestershire Police can confirm the below in relation to your request:

1. Unless exempt, police officers must wear a face-mask when using a police vehicle on duty, if double or multi-crewed. A face-covering may be worn over a face-mask. In open public or private spaces police officers must follow national guidance and regulations; there are exemptions when dealing with immediate threats to life or property.
2. There is no requirement to provide some form of introduction or identity initially unless they are searching or in plain clothes. They will take action under Section 163 of the Road Traffic Act to assist in the stop of a vehicle.

3. Leicestershire Police does not provide a written receipt of an offence due to the PRONTO electronic ticket process. Individuals can provide an email address, to which details can be sent.

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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