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Address Correspondence to: Information Management

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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 15/06/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

1. *On how many mobile phones has mobile phone data extraction technology been used in criminal investigations between 01/01/2019 and the present day (15/06/2021)?*

Please provide a breakdown by:

- a. *Serious crimes*
- b. *All other crimes*

Please could you also provide a breakdown by year.

Note: "Serious crime" is defined in section 93(4) of the Police Act 1997 as: Conduct which (a) involves the use of violence, results in substantial financial gain or is conducted by a large number of persons in pursuit of a common purpose or (b) the offence or one of the offences is an offence for which a person who has attained the age of twenty-one and has no previous convictions could reasonably be expected to be sentenced to imprisonment for a term of three years or more.

By 'mobile phone data extraction technology and/or software', I refer to the hardware and/or software used by the force to conduct such digital searches, which can include the extraction of pictures, text messages and information on the Cloud. Examples of such technology include Cellebrite kiosks or MSAB XRY software, allowing the force to access information on a suspect/witness' device, as per the definition of digital forensics laid out by the NPCC and College of Policing's definition: Digital forensics is the process by which information is extracted from data storage media (eg, devices, remote storage and systems associated with computing, imaging, image comparison, video processing and enhancement [including CCTV], audio analysis, satellite navigation, communications), rendered into a useable form, processed and interpreted for the purpose of obtaining intelligence for use in investigations, or evidence for use in criminal proceedings.

2.
 - a. *How many police officers have been disciplined AND/OR dismissed for their use of mobile phone data extraction technology between 01/01/2019 and the present day (15/06/2021)?*
Please could you provide a breakdown by:
 - i. *Year*

- ii. *Whether the officer was disciplined or dismissed*
 - b. *Please could you also provide details of the officer's actions that led to the dismissal i.e. if they had misused mobile phone extraction technology for personal gain, passed on private information, failed to retain information safely, etc.*
3. *Please could I have a copy of any Police Crime Commissioner (PCC) reports AND/OR Tactical Assessments AND/OR internal reports produced relating to the force's use of mobile phone data extraction technology between 01/01/2019 and the present day (15/06/2021).*

Note: I have considered the parameters of the FOIA. I am aware from this Privacy International report that the Force already uses/trialled Cellebrite technology, so I do not expect that this request will fall within the realms of a Section 24 or 31 exemption as information about the force's use of such technology is already in the public domain.

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 began showing numerical data for device extraction in April 2019 hence cannot supply January 2019-March 2019.
The figures for June 2021 have not yet been published hence the data we can provide is between April 2019 and May 2021
The tables below show the data. T1 or L1 is area-based kiosks available to trained staff in police stations across the force. L2 is laboratory-based data extractions.
We do not delineate by Serious Crime/All Other hence cannot provide that data breakdown

Mobile Devices	Target	Apr 2019	May 2019	Jun 2019	Jul 2019	Aug 2019	Sept 2019	Oct 2019	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Mar 2020	Apr 2020
T1 #	-	360	392	417	458	377	445	394	300	375	422	267	286	343
T2 #	-	39	33	44	32	45	66	57	85	32	46	12	39	48

Mobile Devices	Target SLA	May 2020	Jun 2020	Jul 2020	Aug 2020	Sept 2020	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Apr 2021	May 2021
L1 (UFED Kiosk) #	-	425	393	384	358	360	456	394	362	367	320	373	397	421
L2 Total completed #	-	52	46	72	64	53	65	55	65	62	57	78	61	55

2. Leicestershire Police have recorded ZERO police officers that have been disciplined AND/OR dismissed for their use of mobile phone data extraction technology in the time period requested.
3. Leicestershire Police do not hold any information relating to this request.

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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