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Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 07 July 2021

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 30/06/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

For the 2019-20 and the 2020-21 financial years, please tell me:

- 1) The number of people detained under the Mental Health Act, broken down by officer-perceived ethnicity*
- 2) The type of vehicle officers used to transport those detained to a place of safety, broken down by officer-perceived ethnicity. Please split these by ambulance, police vehicle, other health vehicle, other, not known, or none (already at a place of safety).*
- 3) The place of safety used for those detained, broken down by officer-perceived ethnicity. Please split these by police station, A&E, private home, health based place of safety, other, and not known.*
- 4) For those people transported using a police vehicle, please specify whether an ambulance was requested, broken down by officer perceived ethnicity.*
- 5) For those people detained and taken to a police station, please specify the reason for the police station being used, broken down by officer perceived ethnicity. For instance in England, officers may take a person to a police station as a place of safety if they are over 18 and their behaviour poses an imminent risk of serious injury or death to that person or others (abbreviated in Home Office data as 'conditions in Regulations were met').*
- 6) For those people detained and taken to a police station, please provide a breakdown of their officer perceived ethnicity and the duration in hours of their stay in the police station.*
- 7) For those people detained and taken to a police station, please provide a count of those who were arrested for committing an offence, broken down by officer perceived ethnicity.*

For all ethnicity breakdowns, please use Home Office/ONS categorisations. These consist of 'White', 'Black', 'Asian', 'Mixed', and 'Other'. Please include Chinese persons in the category of Other.

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, The number of people detained under the Mental Health Act, broken down by officer-perceived ethnicity

Ethnicity 2019/20

White European	128
Dark European	0
Black	12
Asian	19
Chinese/ Japanese/ South East Asian	0
Other	1
Not known	0

Ethnicity 2020/21

White	200
Black, African, Caribbean or Black British	23
Asian or Asian British	36
Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups	0
Other ethnic group	0
Not stated/ unknown	1

5, 6 and 7, Leicestershire Police have recorded *ZERO* incidents where a person detained under S136 has been brought to a Police Custody for the time period specified (2019/20 – 2020/21).

The information you have requested in questions 2, 3 and 4 is considered exempt by virtue of Section 12.

Section 12 – Cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit.

Leicestershire Police do not hold the information requested in questions 2, 3 and 4 in a readily retrievable manner, this would require a manual review of 420 incidents to establish the breakdown requested in these parts of your request. This review would take in excess of 18 hours to complete.

In order to retrieve this 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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