



Our Ref: 002536/21

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 05 August 2021

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 27/07/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

- The number of missing people reported to Leicestershire Police from March 2020 to today's date (26/07/21) and their ethnicity.
- Of these missing people reports, I would also request a breakdown of whether they were actioned by police within 24, 48 or up to 72 hours, with a further breakdown by ethnicity.
- I would also request a breakdown by ethnicity of the initial level of perceived risk (high, medium or low) under which each report was categorised.
- How many people reported missing between March 2020 and today's date (26/07/21) were found with a breakdown by ethnicity.

I would like the above information to be provided in electronic form, PDF format ideally and supplemented by spreadsheet breakdown if appropriate.

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: -

Data is based on Missing Person Reports

Row Labels	High	Medium	Low	Not stated	Grand Total
Asian	119	259	31	13	422
Black	257	438	18	20	733
Chinese Japanese SE Asian	4	8			12
Middle Eastern	14	67	3		84
Other	14	32	1		47
White Nth Euro	1477	2408	97	128	4110
White Sth Euro	19	44	1	3	67
Not stated	363	560	55	82	1060
Grand Total	2267	3816	206	246	6535

All found less 9 not found by 26 July 2021. Please take off the ethnicities listed below off the totals in the table above to get the Found Ethnicities.

Not Found ethnicities: 1 x Black

2 x White

1 x Asian

5 x Not stated

Of these missing people reports, you also request a breakdown of whether they were actioned by police within 24, 48 or up to 72 hours, with a further breakdown by ethnicity - this information would have to come from another system and we are unable to tie that up with the reports on the Missing Persons system. It would therefore invoke a section 12 exemption to read each report individually.

I can confirm, pursuant to s1(1)(a) of FOIA that this Force does hold the information you have requested.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Leicestershire Police, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The exemption(s) applicable to the information are as follows.

Section 12 – Cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit.

In order to retrieve all the 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.

Freedom of Information Officer
Leicestershire Police

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