



Our Ref: 002525/21

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 01 September 2021

I write in connection with your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), received on 26/07/2021 in which you requested the following information: -

1. *As part of its enforcement of driving offences, does the force accept the submission of video evidence by members of the public to report driving offences, whether the recording device is handheld or attached to a vehicle or rider (e.g. dash/handlebar/helmet cameras)?*

If yes, for each of the past four years (2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020, please provide answers for each year separately):

2. *How many submissions of video evidence were received by the force relating to reports of driving offences?*

3. *How many of these reports:*

- a. *Resulted in prosecution (court action)?*
- b. *Resulted in a fixed penalty notice being issued and accepted?*
- c. *Resulted in a driver being offered an NDORS course as an alternative to prosecution/FPN?*
- d. *Resulted in a warning letter?*
- e. *Resulted in no further action being taken?*
- f. *Resulted in some other action being taken (please specify)?*

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.

Firstly, Leicestershire Police wish to apologise for the time taken to respond and acknowledge that it is over the time specified for response under the legislation. After attempting to retrieve the requested information it has been established that any allegations of bad driving outside of the Single Online Forms were provided in paper form and CCTV were provided upon submission. The information is not recorded on our current crime recording system as to whether there was CCTV. Therefore, there is no way to retrieve the information electronically.

We can supply the cases submitted to us on the Single on Line forms for allegations of bad driving. Leicestershire Police are unable to break down any further as it necessitate physical manual checking of all records for allegations and CCTV is not recorded

Road Traffic Offences, with video or photo evidence. (from Single on Line Home)

Jan 21	38
Feb 21	70
Mar 21	115
Apr 21	158
May 21	118
Jun 21	102

Jan 20	39
Feb 20	53
Mar 20	41
Apr 20	29
May 20	42
Jun 20	67
July 20	81
Aug 20	100
Sept 20	92
Oct 20	95
Nov 20	79
Dec 20	45

Jan 19	12
Feb 19	24
Mar 19	35
Apr 19	18
May 19	81
Jun 19	60
Jul 19	60
Aug 19	73
Sept 19	79
Oct 19	38
Nov 19	46
Dec 19	51

It is not possible to break down if they have specifically specified video over photo

In order to retrieve 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 the 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