



Our Ref: 002747/21

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 22 September 2021

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 16/08/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

How much money did Leicestershire Police pay to Brook Street /Red Snapper Recruitment for agency staff in the following years :

2018

2019

2020

2021 (to date)

Please provide a figure per year.

Furthermore please state how many staff were supplied by the agency to Leicestershire Police in each year.

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: -

2018 - £1,765,708

2019 - £1,983,771

2020 - £2,307,162

2021 (to date) £581,962

Also, to provide some context, a lot of these fees will have been recharged or would have been reclaimable under certain grant conditions. Therefore, the costs are offset by income.

With reference to the 2nd part of your request re number of staff this equates to -

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.

To provide this information would require a manual search of all the invoices received from the Agencies.

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 for that part of your request.

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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