



Our Ref: 002593/21

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 29 September 2021

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I write further to your request for information received 30/07/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

*I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, to request the following information specifically in relation to the time period 1 March '20 - 1 March '21 (only 28 days in Feb so taking it to 1 March) .*

*My request relates to applications under the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDs) – aka 'Clare's Law'. Please state:*

- 1.) The number of disclosures made to your force under the under 'Right to Ask' during this time period, broken down by time taken to complete disclosure in the following categories: a) 0-20 days, b) 21-35 days and c) 36+ days.*
- 2. The number of disclosures made to your force under the under 'Right to Know' during this time period, broken down by time taken to complete disclosure in the following categories: a) 0-20 days, b) 21-35 days and c) 36+ days.*
- 3. The three maximum lengths of time taken to complete 'Right to Ask' disclosure during this time period (i.e. completion times in the three cases that took the longest to disclose)*
- 4. The three maximum lengths of time taken to complete 'Right to Know' disclosure during this time period (i.e. completion times in the three cases that took the longest to disclose)*

*If possible, as a comparison, could the same data please be provided for the time period March 1 '19 - Feb 29 '20*

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: -**

| Period to Disclose | 2020/21      |               | 2019/20      |               |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
|                    | Right to Ask | Right to Know | Right to Ask | Right to Know |
| A U21 days         | 15           | 5             | 23           | 2             |
| B 21-35 days       | 44           | 11            | 44           | 7             |
| C 36+ Days         | 93           | 18            | 38           | 16            |
| Total Disclosures  | 152          | 34            | 105          | 25            |

| The 3 longest periods to disclose under DVDS |         |         |
|----------------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| DVDS                                         | 2020/21 | 2019/20 |
| Right to Ask                                 | 113     | 83      |
| Right to Ask                                 | 120     | 86      |
| Right to Ask                                 | 126     | 99      |
| Right to Know                                | 119     | 74      |
| Right to Know                                | 131     | 102     |
| Right to Know                                | 138     | 272     |

Police will aim to complete an enquiry under Clare's Law within 35 days and officers will work as quickly as possible to complete the necessary checks.

Depending on the circumstances of the enquiry it may take longer for the results to be received.

A rise has been noted in the number of applications received last year and this rise along with government lockdown restrictions will have contributed to the delay. Clare's Law has been promoted by the force both externally and internally and we are pleased to see an increase in the applications for both the right to ask and the right to know.

As we continue to see a rise in applications we will continue to do all we can to support victims of domestic abuse.

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.

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Leicestershire Police

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