



Our Ref: 002907/21

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 05 October 2021

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 31/08/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

- *Total number of storefront crashes between August 1st 2020 - August 1st 2021. For your information, a storefront crash would be defined as a recorded crash or RTC between a vehicle and a commercial property, or a building used for business purposes.*
- *The road names or postcodes of the before mentioned storefront crashes during the same time period.*
- *The total number of temporary or permanent barriers put in place to reduce the number storefront crashes and the total cost of these over the last 5 years (August 1st 2016 - August 1st 2021) and whether or not these barriers were PAS 68 or IWA 14 crash tested.*
- *Total planned spend on measures to protect storefronts following the Government's launch of a public consultation named the 'Protect Duty'. This consultation considers how legislation might be used to enhance the protection of publicly accessible locations across the UK from terrorist attacks and ensure organisational preparedness. (Source: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/protect-duty>)*
- *Whether these measures will be temporary or permanent, and if you are able to answer at this stage if these barriers will be PAS 68 or IWA 14 crash tested.*

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: -

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.

Leicestershire Police do not collate this information and is not held in any easily retrievable electronic format. It would therefore be necessary to manually check all RTC data to ascertain if a storefront is involved. With reference to the remainder of the request may I suggest you contact the City and County Councils in our force area who may be able to assist as it may be a planning matter. I am unable to suggest how you could refine your request in order for Leicestershire Police to provide you with any useful information

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 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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