



Our Ref: 002976/21

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 04 October 2021

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

I write further to your request for information received 07/09/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

*1. How many hate crimes did your police force record, as having been committed against people who identify as transgender?*

*Please respond for the following financial years:*

- a) Starting in April 2019 and finishing at the end of March 2020*
- b) Starting in April 2020 and finishing at the end of March 2021*

*2. Of these crimes, how many resulted in a prosecution?*

*Please respond for the following financial years:*

- a) Starting in April 2019 and finishing at the end of March 2020*
- b) Starting in April 2020 and finishing at the end of March 2021*

*3. How many hate crimes did your police force record, as having been committed based on sexual orientation?*

*Please respond for the following financial years:*

- a) Starting in April 2019 and finishing at the end of March 2020*
- b) Starting in April 2020 and finishing at the end of March 2021*

*4. Of these crimes, how many resulted in a prosecution?*

*Please respond for the following financial years:*

- a) Starting in April 2019 and finishing at the end of March 2020*
- b) Starting in April 2020 and finishing at the end of March 2021*

#### *Reduced*

*1. How many hate crimes did your police force record, as having been committed against people who identify as transgender? Starting in April 2020 and finishing at the end of March 2021.*

2. How many hate crimes did your police force record, as having been committed based on **sexual orientation**? Starting in April 2020 and finishing at the end of March 2021.

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: -**

Leicestershire Police are unable to answer Q1 and Q2 as we do not collect information about people's self identification on our crime recording system., it may be recorded on the Logs but that would require reading them all manually and would invoke a section 12 exemption.

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 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.

*3. How many hate crimes did your police force record, as having been committed based on sexual orientation?*

*Please respond for the following financial years:*

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| a) Starting in April 2019 and finishing at the end of March 2020 | - <b>252</b> |
| b) Starting in April 2020 and finishing at the end of March 2021 | - <b>434</b> |

*4. Of these crimes, how many resulted in a prosecution?*

*Please respond for the following financial years:*

- a) Starting in April 2019 and finishing at the end of March 2020 - **19**
- b) Starting in April 2020 and finishing at the end of March 2021 - **45**

I would note that there are other Positive Outcomes other than a person being prosecuted.

Leicestershire Police do not hold Prosecution details

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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