



Our Ref: 000206/22

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 02 February 2022

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 18/01/2022.

I note you seek access to the following information:

I am putting in a freedom of information request date 17/01/2022 to seek information around criminal complaint 6029679/21 in the public interest around vaccines and crime that have been committed against the British public.

1. *On the 20th December 2021 a crime was reported to Hammersmith Police station ref 6029679/21, this made allegations of serious crimes against the British public. Can you confirm that the Chief constable has been made aware of this investigation?*

2. *Can you confirm that the Chief Constable took action to inform all police officers under His/her command around this criminal investigation.*

3. *Can you confirm that your police force is actively taking criminal complaint around vaccines or covid related crimes made by the public and assigning crime reference number to support criminal investigations.*

4. *Can you please confirm how many crimes reference number have been allocated when reports are made by the public of crimes committed against them in relations to vaccines injuries or blackmail and coercion in relation to vaccines.*

5. *How many crimes reference numbers have been allocated for use of Midazolam and Remdesivir medication used as end of life treatment or as a treatment for covid 19.*

6. *Has any action been taken to stop the vaccine in your area to protect the British public from significant harm which can led to significant injuries up to and including death?*

7. *Reports online has made allegations that police have had a banned in place from Government not to give crime reference numbers in relations to Covid 19 or vaccine in this statement correct, if it is correct how sent request for this to be in place?*

8. *Can you confirm this investigation 6029679/21 in still active and being investigated?*

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within Leicestershire Police to locate information relevant to your request.

Question's_1 & 2 & 8

The Leicestershire Police Service can neither confirm nor deny that it holds the information you requested as the duty in s1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply, by virtue of the following exemptions:

- Section 31(3) Law enforcement;
- Section 40 (5) Personal Information

This should not be taken as conclusive evidence that any information that would meet your request exists or does not exist.

Section 40 (5) – Personal Information

(5)The duty to confirm or deny—

(b)does not arise in relation toinformation if or to the extent that either—

(i)the giving to a member of the public of the confirmation or denial that would have to be given to comply with section 1(1)(a) would (apart from this Act) contravene any of the data protection principles

In line with the Information Commissioners Guidance, any request of this legislation is considered to be applicant blind and we cannot therefore consider the motives behind the request. We have to treat such a disclosure as if it is being released to the world and assess each request accordingly.

I have to consider that you are requesting information that regardless of whether it exists, is considered to be personal data.

This is due to the fact that to even confirm or deny that information is held would be to release the personal data of individuals which would therefore breach the Data Protection Principles.

It must also be remembered that any information that the Police Service holds is given to us in the confidence that it would not be released into the public domain without a clear legal basis for doing so. As you can appreciate, public confidence would be reduced if members of the public were able to use the Freedom of Information Act to request data about any individuals who they believe have come into contact with the police. To provide the information on one occasion expresses a willingness to provide information on all occasions and it is for this reason that I can neither confirm nor deny that we hold any information of relevance to your request.

Section 31(3) is a qualified exemption and requires us to carry out a harm and public interest balancing test before they can be relied upon.

Modern-day policing is intelligence led, and the Police Service heavily rely upon victims, witnesses and informants coming forward to provide information and intelligence. This is done on the understanding that anything provided will be treated in confidence. Confirming or denying information was held for a specific crime report would reveal to members of the public that in reporting a crime to the police, information they provide could be revealed under FOI at any point in the future. This would act as a deterrent to the public providing information and intelligence to the force. In turn this would inhibit the force's ability to identify criminal activity and intelligence, undermining public safety and hindering the prevention or detection of crime.

Furthermore, the police routinely share information with other law enforcement agencies as part of our investigative processes. To confirm or deny information is held would undermine the partnership approach to investigations and law enforcement, also hindering the prevention and detection of crime.

While it is agreed that there is a public interest in forces being clear and transparent about the actions they take and that confirmation or denial information is held would improve public confidence in the robustness of processes undertaken by the force, the police have a duty of care to the community at large. Public safety is of paramount importance. If an FOI disclosure revealed information to the world (by citing an exemption or stating no information held) that would undermine the forces ability to prevent and detect crime and/or apprehend offenders then it would not be in the public interest for this information to be released. On balance, for these reasons it is felt that the public interest favours non-disclosure in this case.

Although I have refused your request, this should not be taken as an inference that this information does or does not exist.

Question 3

No Information Held.

Outside of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Leicestershire Police has a responsibility to record and investigate complaints of crime. Any crimes reported would be investigated in accordance with the Constabulary's Investigation Standards Procedure.

Question 4

No information held

Question 5

No information held

Question 6

No information held

Question 7

No information held

None of the above can be viewed as an inference that any other information does or does not exist.

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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