



Our Ref: 001363/23
Address Correspondence to: Information Management
Date: 20 July 2023

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 03/04/2023. 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 I am unable to supply all of the information you have requested.

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 Constabulary, 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 relate to your request are as follows:

Section 43 –Commercial Interests

This is a Qualified, Class-Based exemption, which requires the application of the Public Interest Test, but there is no requirement to articulate the harm in disclosure.

Factors Favouring Disclosure

There is a real public interest in how public funds are spent and disclosure of these figures would evidence transparency and accountability.

Factors Favouring Non-Disclosure

Disclosure of the figures requested would not only be prejudicial to Leicestershire Police but would also have a negative impact on the suppliers involved. Disclosure of these figures would impair Leicestershire Police's negotiating position for future contracts and suppliers, which could subsequently have a negative impact the public purse.

Balance Test

It is for the reasons detailed above that I believe that on balance it is **not** in the public interest to release some of the information which you have requested on this occasion. I appreciate that this is not the decision you had hoped for but I must consider the wider position under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which I feel necessitates the need to refuse your request under this legislation.

Please see our partial response to this FOI below.

- 1 Who are your current armour manufacturers?**
Via DHL under NUMS
- 2 Who is your current armour supply contract with (if different to the actual manufacturer, i.e., DHL-NUMS)?**
Via DHL under NUMS
- 3 When does your current contract end?**
With DHL currently goes until 31st March 2024 although there is an option to extend
- 4 How long is the term of the contract?**
Potentially until March 31st 2026
- 5 When will the new procurement process start?**
For NUMS that will be dependent on the Met Police whose contract we use to access NUMS
- 6 What is your current level of protection?**
This Body Armour Standards are set out by the Home Office - Body Armour Standard
- 7 What is the current unit price per Set of Armour?**
Section 43
- 8 What is the current unit price for an armour carrier?**
Section 43
- 9 What was the total value of the contract award?**
There was no specific contract award as it is provided under NUMS
- 10 How many units of body armour have been purchased during the contract term?**
Clarification Required - Is this specifically relating to this contract?
- 11 Can I have a Contact name and contact details please for a person responsible for procurement matters?**
Head of Procurement & Support Services - 0116 222 2222

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.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Officer
Leicestershire Police

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