



Our Ref: 002984/23

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 16 August 2023

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 01/08/2023.

I note you seek access to the following information:

I am writing to request the following data for the periods of 01-08-22 to 31-07-23 and 01-08-21 to 31-07-22:

The total number of police officers employed by your force at any point in each time period.

The total number of officers who did not make an arrest.

The total number of officers who made five or more arrests.

The total number of arrests made by your force.

Your request for information has now been considered and the information asked for is as follows: -

The total number of police officers employed by your force at any point in each time period.

01/08/2021	2217
31/07/2022	2285
01/08/2022	2284
31/07/2023	2283

It is also worth recognising that all of our Custody Suites are within the City of Leicester and policy requires there to be double crewing in transporting prisoners but Niche only records a single Officer as having made the arrest.

Initial Arrivals at Custody Suites

	Total	Officers who made 5 or more
1/8/21 to 31/7/22	13764	962
1/8/22 to 31/7/23	14348	949

These are not all arrests, they are the people who have been taken to a Custody Suite following an arrest (and it is only the initial arrest excluding where a person is re-arrested for the same offence, for example if they returned from Bail and we wanted to question them further under caution or wished to charge them with the offence). There will be many other arrests where people have not been processed through a Custody Suite where they are dealt with and then de-arrested for instance for minor offences where a Caution is to be issued. (it is unlikely that for a minor damage offence in a rural area of the County that officers would drive into the city of Leicester to a Custody Suite merely to issue someone with a caution); these would be identifiable by reading Logs but this would take a disproportionate amount of time and attract a section 12 (Cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit).

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.

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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