



Our Ref: 003531/20

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 23 October 2020

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 22/10/2020.

I note you seek access to the following information:

I am writing to ask for data on cocaine-related offences.

Specifically:

- The number of times someone was found in possession of cocaine or crack cocaine for personal use*
 - The number of times someone was found to be in possession with intent to supply cocaine or crack cocaine*
 - The criminal justice outcome (e.g. caution, charge) for both offences*
- I would like this data for the last three years for which they are available.*

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: -

Please see attached spreadsheet containing information relating to your request.

Any further information is considered exempt by virtue of Section 30.

Application of Section 30 - Investigations

Section 30 is a class based exemption which means that I am not required to demonstrate the harm that disclosure would cause. However, I am still required to conduct a public interest test which highlights the factors for and against disclosure.

Considerations favouring disclosure

There is already a public knowledge that investigations are conducted into these types of offence by Leicestershire Police. Therefore the public would have a genuine interest in being informed of the information you have requested. It would also enable the public to see how public funds are spent in the course of operational policing.

Considerations favouring non-disclosure

The information requested relates to recent months, as a result cases included in this may still be under investigation. Disclosure of information relating to live investigations may alert those committing crimes as to whether their offence is under investigation or not and may severely impact any current investigations.

I see no tangible benefit to the community at large if this information was released on this occasion.

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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