



Our Ref: 002991/21

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 07 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:

*This is a request for data regarding the number of police officers charged and convicted of a criminal offence.*

*Can you please provide the number of officers charged with a criminal offence allegedly committed while they were a serving member of a police force over the last ten years, from January 1 2011, to April 1 2021.*

*The data should be broken down by month, and should include the offence said to have been committed, the officer's rank, the force for which they worked, and whether the officer was convicted.*

*If possible, could the name of the convicted officer be included, as well as the date and court at which they were sentenced.*

*To avoid the request exceeding the permitted costs under the FOIA, please collect the data backwards starting from April 1, 2021. For example the FOI officer might take 19 hours to collect data from April 1, 2021, backwards to January 1, 2015. I would accept this dataset as a response.*

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: -**

*1. Can you please provide the number of officers charged with a criminal offence allegedly committed while they were a serving member of a police force over the last ten years, from January 1 2011, to April 1 2021.*

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*2. The data should be broken down by month, and should include the offence said to have been committed, the officer's rank, the force for which they worked, and whether the officer was convicted.*

Please see the spreadsheet attached to the Email

*3. If possible, could the name of the convicted officer be included, as well as the date and court at which they were sentenced.*

Any further information will be exempt by virtue of :-

Section 40 -Personal Information.

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 40 (2) – Personal Information**

Section 40(2) is a class based absolute exemption and as such legislators have identified that there would be harm in disclosure and there is no requirement to evidence this or consider the public interest test. However, as Section 40(2) is engaged and in order to make the exemption absolute we need to evidence that a data protection principle would be breached by disclosure. In this case it would not be fair to process confidential information which could lead to the identification of an individual, therefore the first principle of the Data Protection Act would be breached.

You should consider this to be a refusal under section 17 of the Act for some of your request.

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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