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Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 20 March 2015

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I write further to your request for information received 19/02/2015.

I note you seek access to the following information:

I am aware there is discussion about the contracting out of the Custody Officer positions in Leicestershire Constabulary Custody suites which are now filled with directly employed civilians.

Please could you consider the following which I put on the presumption discussions are advanced contracting out is a foreseeable possibility:

- 1. Which body or individual will make the decision to contract out?*
- 2. Will the decision making process of the body or individual be the subject of democratic control by way of bringing the whole subject and process before the PCC Scrutiny Committee?*
- 3. Will due regard be taken of the failure of organisations like G4S to respect human rights both in GB and abroad?*
- 4. Will due regard be taken of the failure of G4S and SERCO to honestly administer public projects?*
- 5. Will the contracting out process be the subject of an open tender?*
- 6. Will the public be consulted on this issue ,especially bearing in mind the present mood of the public on privatisation in general?*
- 7. Is it expected to use the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 regarding present employees?*
- 8. What are the fiscal and operational advantages and disadvantages to Leicestershire Constabulary if contracting out proceeds?*
- 9. What is the value of the Leicestershire contract?*

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: -

Question 1

The decision to award a contract through the procurement process is done in conjunction with the relevant stakeholders in the Force. Ultimately the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner have responsibility for all contracts.

Question 2 to 4

Please see the attached Procurement Policy which may assist in this regard. If the contract falls above the EU threshold, we have to comply with the Directives and the mandatory and discretionary exclusions.

Question 5

If the contract falls above the EU threshold will we initially look at any collaborative frameworks in the first instance, if no frameworks exist we would look to run an EU tender.

Question 6

Please see our procurement policy.

Question 7

Yes this is correct.

Question 8

This depends on the nature of the contract in question.

Question 9

The value of the contract will depend on the responses to the tendering process. 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, Professional Standards 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

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Leicestershire Police

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