



Our Ref: 000413/16

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to:

Date 17 February 2016

Dear ,

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I write further to your request for information received 20/01/2016.

I note you seek access to the following information:

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to request some information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.  
*Please provide details of:*

*1a) data on funding the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has allocated to activities related to human trafficking and/or modern slavery (for example, but not limited to: a dedicated unit, staff training, prevention, investigation, prosecution, awareness campaigns) within its force area for the years 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17. If this is not possible or too broad please refer to 1b)*

*1b) data on any funding the PCC has allocated to activities related to human trafficking and/or modern slavery (for example, but not limited to: a dedicated unit, staff training, prevention, investigation, prosecution, awareness campaigns) within its force area since 2012. If this is not possible or too broad, please refer to 1c)*

*1c) data on any funding the PCC has allocated to activities related to human trafficking and/or modern slavery (for example, but not limited to: a dedicated unit, staff training, prevention, investigation, prosecution, awareness campaigns) within its force area in 2014-15.*

*2) If the PCC hasn't allocated any funding specifically to activities related to human trafficking and/or modern slavery (for example, but not limited to staff training, prevention, investigation, prosecution, awareness campaigns) within its force area since 2012 please confirm that in writing.*

*3a) Please provide details of the time period covered by the latest Police and Crime Plan.*

*3b) Does the latest Police and Crime Plan include any reference to human trafficking and/or modern slavery? Please answer yes or no.*

3c) *If the answer at 3b) is no, please provide any other document that may contain any plan specifically dedicated to human trafficking/modern slavery within the force area dating back to 2012.*

4) *If the force area hasn't had/doesn't a plan specifically dedicated to human trafficking and/or modern slavery since 2012, can you please confirm that in writing.*

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: -**

“Whilst we have not commissioned any services specifically to tackle human trafficking and modern day slavery (HF/MDS) we have undertaken work in relation to Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) which intersects to a certain degree with HF/MDS. In 2014/15 we undertook some research into CSE in Leicestershire to help us consider what our response might be. The key findings from this were that return interviews for looked after children returning from missing episodes should be undertaken by an independent third party and that, more broadly, a co-ordinated partnership approach is required to tackle CSE.

In response to this we have:

- Made available a Strategic Partnership Development Fund (SPDF) of £2m to target and drive forward work for priorities including CSE and human trafficking
- Committed over £1.2m of SPDF funding to a partnership led Child Sexual Exploitation programme
- Commissioned a CSE return interview post with the city council and Barnardos at a cost of £19,250 in 2015/16 and up to £41,000 in 2016/17”

**Leicestershire Police have also signed up to the CEASE pledge to eradicate the abuse and sexual exploitation of children.**

<https://www.causes.com/campaigns/99225-eradicate-the-abuse-and-sexual-exploitation-of-children>

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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