



Our Ref: 004977/18 & 4984/18

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 18 December 2018

Dear

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

I write further to your request for information received 27/11/2018.

I note you seek access to the following information:

*Does your force accept crime reports from third party hate crime reporting centres?  
How many such centres provide information to your force?  
For 2016, 2017, and so far in 2018 how many hate crime reports came from the centres?  
How much funding has the force put into centres in 2016, 2017 and so far in 2018?*

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within Leicestershire Police and The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire to locate information relevant to your request.

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

Leicestershire Police accept calls reporting crimes from any person acting as an advocate on behalf of or acting in the vested interests of the aggrieved parties.

The Centres are provided support and information through the City and County Councils hate crime meetings. We provide some assistance for them and guidance around what messages to circulate on our behalf.

Leicestershire Police do not fund the third party hate crime centres.

Information relating to question 3 would invoke Section 12.

### **Section 12 – Cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit.**

Leicestershire Police would be required to manually review all hate crimes reported to establish whether they were initially reported via a third party reporting centre, this would take in excess of 18 hours.

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.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Officer  
Leicestershire Police

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