

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

How many times has this local authority authorised operations or investigations under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (Ripa) in the periods:

1st December 2008– 30th November 2009?

1st December 2009– 30th November 2010?

1st December 2010– 30th November 2011

In each instance, please state the nature of the offence (e.g. graffiti, fly tipping etc).

Answer

Figures from 1st December 2008 to 30th December 2009 are not held centrally, and to gather the information would take approx. 20 minutes per RIPA Investigation, taking over 18 hours. This is therefore a Refusal Notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act, because under the provisions of section 12.1 of the Act, the Council estimates that to comply with your request in its current form will exceed the appropriate limit.

RIPA investigations from 1st January 2010 onwards are being published on our website. You can find them following the link below:

<http://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council-services/council-and-democracy/data-protection-and-foi/regulation-of-investigatory-powers/>

Figures for 2011 have not been compiled for publishing yet. We are expecting them to be uploaded by the end of this financial year (on the condition that the investigations are complete at this time) and therefore this information is exempt as it is intended for future publication in line with S22 of the Act. This letter acts as S17 refusal notice in respect of this part of your request.

Please also provide details of how many resulted in prosecutions and convictions.

The Council does not hold this information. Therefore this letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please write to:

Information Governance Manager
Information and Support
Leicester City Council
FREEPOST (LE985/33)
New Walk Centre
LEICESTER LE1 6ZG
e-mail: FOIA@leicester.gov.uk

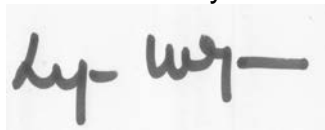
Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

You can also complain to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700
www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

Please be aware that the Information Commissioner does not normally consider appeals or complaints until the internal appeals and complaints processes of the public authority which is answering the request have been exhausted. You are therefore advised to complain or appeal to the Information Governance Manager before contacting the Commissioner.

Yours sincerely



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