

20th February 2019

**Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20190276**

**REQUEST**

*I write with a request for information under the FOIA.*

*My request is as follows:*

- 1. Please disclose the name of the investigation into tree-felling protests in Sheffield which led to the arrests of activists “for the prevention of harm and injury”.*
- 2. Please disclose all known costs of the investigation.*
- 3. Please disclose the total number of arrests, showing the nature of the offence and what action was taken - i.e. charged with, no further action etc.*
- 4. Please disclose the total amount paid in compensation to seven campaigners wrongly arrested during the protests.*
- 5. Please disclose all known legal costs in relation to the compensation cases, with a breakdown showing the force’s known legal costs and any third party costs paid.*

**RESPONSE**

**Q1 & 3.**

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires South Yorkshire 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 following exemption applies to the disclosure of the information:

**Section 21 ‘Information which is reasonably accessible by other means’.**

South Yorkshire Police has published a number of Freedom of Information responses on our website on the subject of Op Quito and Op Testate.

The information for these questions can be found specifically on the South Yorkshire Police website using the following link:

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/media/2922/20181527-response.pdf>

The other details on this subject can be found either on the disclosure log:

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/accessing-information/request-information-under-the-freedom-of-information-act/>

Or within the Categories of Significant Interest section:

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/right-to-information/categories-of-significant-interest/>

**Q2 –** We record overtime costs which is directly attributed to this operation and our Finance dept has been able to provide the following figures and explanation:

*2017/18 - £88,456.*

*2018/19 - £ 23,283.*

*This spans financial years 17/18 and 18/19 total spent £111,739 but this is only additional costs and includes no account of time spent in duty time.*

(The above figures include Superannuation/NI)

Day to day policing is classed as daily duties or duty time and as such doesn't have specific cost allocated. We do not record this information.

#### **Q4 & 5**

I approached our Legal Department for assistance with this question. They have provided the following.

*Q4: £24,300 in compensation for 7 claimants.*

*Q5: Legal costs are still outstanding and this information is not available.*