

11 March 2019

Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20190449

REQUEST

1. The number of call-outs to ASOS, Park Spring Rd, Grimethorpe, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, S72 7GX for each of the last five years - 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014
2. Could I also receive a brief description of the circumstances of each call-out in 2017 and 2018

RESPONSE

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 12(2) – Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit

I approached our Incident Management System Administrator for assistance with your request. He has searched the system using the criteria of your request which has returned the following number of incidents for each of the specified years.

Total incident count = 431

Year	Incident Count
2014	70
2015	88
2016	101
2017	124
2018	48*

*Up to November 2018.

Each incident log reads like a running commentary/diary of events that can run to several pages in length, depending on the nature of the incident. Due to the number of incidents returned, it is not possible to review each one and provide a brief description of the circumstances of each one. It is estimated that each incident would take approximately 3 minutes to read, then summarise, this would take approximately 21 hours to complete which far exceeds the 18 hour cost threshold.

The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 provide that the cost limit for non-central government public authorities is £450. This must be calculated at the rate of £25 per hour, providing an effective time limit of 18 hours. .

If you feel your endeavours can be achieved within the appropriate limit by refining your request, South Yorkshire Police would be more than happy to consider any further request.

Guidance from the Information Commissioner to public authorities is that where one part of a request is reasonably estimated to exceed the appropriate limit then the authority is not obliged to consider or comply with the remainder of the request up to the point at which the appropriate limit has been reached. Please note point 30 of the below link:-

https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1199/costs_of_compliance_exceeds_appropriate_limit.pdf