

26th January 2021

Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20202712

REQUEST

I would like to request for information on the following please:

1. The number of speed fines issued in years 2015 up to 2021, split by:
 - Location recorded
 - Age
 - Gender
 - Speed recorded
 - issued by: officers, mobile speed cameras and fixed speed cameras.

2. Number of officers by force allocated to traffic/road safety duties years 2015 up to 2021

3. Number of cars caught entering bus lanes years 2015 up to 2021 split by :
 - Make and model of car
 - Location recorded
 - Cost of each fine issued

Clarification Request

I have approached our Safety Camera and Ticketing Administrator for assistance with parts of your request. They have asked me to clarify when you refer to 'fines' in Question 1, are you requesting for fixed penalty tickets or Offences?

In addition they have advised that Question 3 of your request does not fall under the remit of South Yorkshire Police, as Bus Lanes are enforced by the Local Authorities. You may be able to source this information from them.

Reply to Clarification

Fixed penalty tickets should be adequate as I believe or offences may sit with the court?

If I am able to have offences also, the more information for me the better – no worries if not.

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 – Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit

I again approached our Safety Camera and Ticketing Administrator for assistance with Question 1 of your request.

He has provided the following:-

Unfortunately we do not hold reliable information on Gender as it's not really relevant to us, and is not detected by camera!

Because of the quantity of tickets involved, a manual search of officer produced tickets would be cost prohibitive.

In essence, we do not hold this information in a retrievable format. Each Fixed Penalty ticket would need to be manually retrieved and checked to see if the information had been recorded and to ascertain the gender, and age of the person it had been issued to. This process would seriously exceed the 18 hours' work as guided under the FOI Act.

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.

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

But in accordance with Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act – my duty to provide advice and assistance, I have been able to provide the following information.

Please see the below link for to the South Yorkshire Safety Camera Partnership Website, where you may find information relating to Offences.

<https://www.safetycamera.org/foi-faq>

Our Saftey Camera Partnership could provided the number of Fixed Penalty notices issued, and this can be broken down

You may also wish to refer to our Disclosure log which may give you an indication of what information we can provide, and may help you refine your request.

This link may be useful :-

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/accessing-information/request-information-under-the-freedom-of-information-act/speed-camera-fines-ref-20202734/>

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by following the advice contained in the separate notice enclosed with this correspondence:

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire, SK9 5AF.
Telephone: 08456 306060 or 01625 545745
Website: www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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Email - foi@southyorks.police.uk

Please note that police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide information and statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons this forces response to your questions should not be used for the comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.

South Yorkshire Police provides you the right to request a re-examination of your case under its review procedure (copy enclosed). If you decide to request such a review and having followed the Constabulary'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.

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Appeal Process for Freedom of Information

Using this process will not affect your right to appeal directly to the Information Commissioner. However, it will usually be quicker if matters can be resolved locally using this process.

Who can appeal?

Anyone who has requested information from the Force in writing can appeal within 20 working days. If you have requested information and you are not satisfied with the way we have dealt with your request, you can use the appeal process to have it looked at again. If someone who requested information would like to appeal but cannot do so themselves you can appeal on their behalf, but it will help us if you make it clear that you are doing so.

What can I appeal about?

You can appeal about the range, amount and format of information we have sent following a request. You can also appeal about the way a request was handled – for example, the time it took to respond, or the way letters were worded.

How do I appeal?

You can appeal by writing/ emailing your appeal/complaint to the address below. To deal

with your appeal as quickly as possible, it will help if you can give us as much information as you can about the request made, such as the reference number, and the reason for your appeal/ complaint.

What happens to my appeal?

Once we have enough details to identify the request you are concerned about, a qualified person, other than the initial decision maker, will deal with the internal review.

How long does it take?

Whatever their conclusion, you will be informed of the result as soon as possible, and in any case within 20 days of submitting your appeal.

If you are still not satisfied, you may then appeal to the Information Commissioner.

Appeal Address

**Information Compliance Unit South Yorkshire Police Professional Standards
Department Unit 20 Sheffield 35A Business Park Churchill Way Sheffield S35 2PY**

Email foi@southyorks.pnn.police.uk