

29th January 2019

Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20190190

REQUEST

I would like to request the below information:

1. *How many Community Protection Notices or ASBOS (whichever applicable) have been issued by your force since 20/10/2014*

I would like the above information broken down by:

- i) year*
- ii) reason for CPN/ASBO*
- iii) ethnicity of person issued with CPN/ASBO*
- iv) age of person issued with CPN/ASBO*

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

We have been asked for data in relation to civil injunctions on a number of occasions before, which we regret we are unable to provide within the 18 hour cost threshold.

Information is held at district level within South Yorkshire Police. I have previously approached each of our Business Managers for Sheffield, Barnsley, Rotherham and Doncaster districts for assistance with requests of this nature. They have in turn contacted their Community Intervention and Anti Social Behaviour Teams. I can confirm that I have been advised that whilst we hold a lot of the information relating to your request, it would take in excess of 18 hours to locate, retrieve and extract the relevant information to answer it. For example, one district has returned and advised that they hold over 650 records of individuals on their database. In order to extract the information you have requested, it would be necessary to initially conduct a manual trawl through the 650+ records to identify those who have received Community Protection Notices as an example, and then access and review the related paper records to establish the exact circumstances. Assuming it would take approximately 5 minutes to review each record manually, it would take in excess of 54 hours to provide the information you have requested for CPNs alone.

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