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Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20171298

REQUEST

Details of the licensed premises in your force area which have received the highest number of police call-outs between April 1, 2016 and March 31, 2017. Can I please be provided with 1) The three licensed premises with the highest number of police call-outs in 2016/17 and the number of call-outs linked to the premises. 2) For the venue with the highest number of call-outs, can I please receive a summary of the nature of each call-out and the number of people arrested in connection with each incident.

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 – this system records, amongst other things, incidents of anti-social behaviour and noise complaints from members of the public. The Administrator has advised there is no method of identifying licensed premises within the system gazetteer. Identification would only be possible if a reviewer had an extensive local knowledge – which is obviously not covered by FOI legislation - for example, 'Silversmiths' on Arundel Street in Sheffield is a licensed premise, but one would not know it from the name of the establishment alone.

For reference purposes only, the Administrator has searched the number of Anti-social behaviour incidents for 2016. This returned 78,939 records even with local knowledge regarding licensed premises, to retrieve and review each record would far exceed the 18 hour Appropriate Limit to extract the relevant data.

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

