

22 November 2018

Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20182049

REQUEST

1. Your justification for the implementation of this policy and whether any other matters other than football related violence were part of the decision making process
2. The number of incidents, arrests and convictions that occurred inside either football stadium in Sheffield for derby games in the last 10 years.
3. Any correspondence between SYP, the Sheffield SAG and both SWFC and SUFC regarding the match on 9th November
4. Meeting minutes where ticketing policy was discussed
5. Any documentation where a decision regarding ticketing policy for this game is discussed
6. Any other documentation held by SYP relating to the restriction of ticket sales for this match.

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 Operations and Contingency Planning Unit for assistance with your request. A Detective Sergeant within the unit has advised the following:

This request relates to SYP's decision to implement reduced ticketing at the 'Steel City Derby'. This is a flawed request, as ticketing was decided and implemented by SUFC alone. SYP had no involvement in any decisions surrounding this specific ticket allocation. As such points 1,3,4,5 and 6 do not apply.

In any event, identifying the information set out in points 1-6 inclusive, will take considerably more than 18 hours to recover, review and present. The information is not held in one single location, the data requiring review is held by different parties and will require review and redaction.

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