

11th November 2021

Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20212218

REQUEST

- 1. Please provide me with the number of antisocial behaviour incidents recorded every calendar year since 2010, with a breakdown of the type of incidents reported.***
- 2. Please provide me with the number of reports of antisocial behaviour received against the number of antisocial behaviour reports investigated.***
- 3. Please also provide a breakdown of the type of incidents investigated.***
- 4. Of all the incidents of antisocial behaviour investigated, in how many instances was further action taken?***
- 5. Please provide a breakdown of the type of incidents for which action was taken.***

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

ASB Incidents are recorded in our Communication Centre on the Smart System. This Incident Management System records the majority of calls to South Yorkshire Police requiring the specific deployment of police resources, whether reported by members of the public via 999 or 101 or 'happened upon' by officers and staff in the course of their duties. The log runs as a running commentary of an incident as it unfolds and further data is added and updated.

To retrieve the level of data required for Q3,4 & 5 would require cross referencing the incidents with our district teams to see the detail of officers attendance, a summary and outcomes for each one. There also may be multiple reports for one incident.

In essence, we would have to review and cross reference each of the incidents from the Smart system with District systems, files and paperwork and then manually review to extract the level of detail to meet the criteria of your request.

This process would take much longer than 18 hours' work. There are over 100,000 incidents in the time period requested.

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

Although excess cost removes the force's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request neither does it bind South Yorkshire Police to any commitment that it will release information in such a manner in the future .

The Administrator did however provide data for Q1. As there is no generic incident title that meets the criteria of your request, our administrator has searched by ASB closure code.

They have provided the attached spreadsheet and below explanation:

Please find attached the number incidents that has been closed with an ASB closure code (Anti Social Behaviour).

Each year has its own tab in the excel.

I have provided data from November 2018 up to the 31st October 2021.