

13<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20201689**

**REQUEST**

***Please can you breakdown this information for the following time period: 20 January 2020 to 31 April 2021.***

- 1) On how many (unique) occasions did your force apply for a Stalking Protection Order or interim Stalking Protection Order over this period? Please can you breakdown this information in terms of the total number of Stalking Protection orders applied for; the total number of interim Stalking Protection orders applied for;***
- 2) how many of these orders were exclusive to cases of so called 'stranger stalking' and how many were related to a domestic abuse, or 'other' context.***
- 3) Can you also breakdown the information by the age and gender of the person the order was intended to protect (i.e. the stalking 'victim') and the age/gender of the 'stalker'.***
- 4) Over this time period, how many Stalking Protection Orders were breached?***
- 5) How many interim Stalking Protection Orders were breached?***
- 6) What was the average length of time (in days) it took for your force- upon notification of a breach occurring- to arrest a person who, without reasonable excuse, breached a Stalking Protection Order on an interim Stalking Protection Order?***
- 7) What was the longest length of time (in days) it took for your force- upon notification of a breach occurring- to arrest a person who, without reasonable excuse, breached a Stalking Protection Order on an interim Stalking Protection Order?***

**RESPONSE**

I approached our Legal Services Department for assistance with your request. They have supplied me the data, however on review I am unable to provide this in full.

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 40 (2) – Personal Information**

This is an absolute exemption and therefore a Public Interest Test is not relevant. However, for clarity, I will explain my rationale for engaging this exemption.

Section 40(2) provides that information is exempt if it is the personal data of someone other than the applicant and disclosure would breach any of the data protection principles. The term 'personal data' means data that relates to a living individual who can be identified. This may take an obvious form of 'personal information' such as a name but can also include

information which, if aggregated, can pinpoint an individual. Due to the specific order detail, low numbers and date parameters, full disclosure may potentially identify individuals involved and would breach data protection principles.

I am however, happy to supply you with some data to assist your research

On a recent similar request our Practice Manager has advised that: *we have applied for 2 full Stalking Protection Orders to the Courts since January 2020, and both have been granted by the Courts.*

This is the most recent data and is still relevant to your request. The further detail you require is below.

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*No interim Order made or applied for*
- 2) ***how many of these orders were exclusive to cases of so called 'stranger stalking' and how many were related to a domestic abuse, or 'other' context.***  
*Following breakdown of domestic relationship*
- 3) ***Can you also breakdown the information by the age and gender of the person the order was intended to protect (i.e. the stalking 'victim') and the age/gender of the 'stalker'.***  
*See exemption*
- 4) ***Over this time period, how many Stalking Protection Orders were breached?***  
*No breach*
- 5) ***How many interim Stalking Protection Orders were breached?***  
*No Interim*
- 6) ***What was the average length of time (in days) it took for your force- upon notification of a breach occurring- to arrest a person who, without reasonable excuse, breached a Stalking Protection Order on an interim Stalking Protection Order?***  
*NA*
- 7) ***What was the longest length of time (in days) it took for your force- upon notification of a breach occurring- to arrest a person who, without reasonable excuse, breached a Stalking Protection Order on an interim Stalking Protection Order?***  
*NA*