

4th July 2022

Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20221321

REQUEST

For the most recent year for which you have the data, please can you provide the following information:

- 1. How many Community Protection Notices (CPNs) have been issued by your police force? Please break this data down into each activity for which the CPN was issued.*
- 2. How many CPNs were subsequently violated, broken down by activity as above.*
- 3. What action was taken as a result of this violation, broken down by activity. If fines were issued, please provide the total value of fines issued.*

Update - I write in regards to my FOI request, submitted on the 10th June, to provide a clarification.

*****Please provide the information for the 2021/2022 financial year. *****

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(1) – Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit

We have been asked for this type of data previously, and to locate and retrieve it triggered a Section 12 exemption. I recontacted our District Admin teams and Performance & Governance to see if there is any change to how we record this.

Unfortunately, they confirmed there is no change, there are a number of different orders as well as Community protection notices there is no one central place for recording these.

Any orders applied for or awarded should be held on an individual's 'dashboard' on Connect (in the 'Orders / interventions' section). However, this information is not mandatory and depends on the officer in the case updating this field as the orders are applied for, served, or awarded by a court. There are no 'searches' that will identify numbers of dashboard iterations that have any entry in this field, never mind breaking these field entries down by type.

To summarise, with the system, Connect we have in place in South Yorkshire, you can look at an individual's record to see if they have or have had an order in place, but you cannot search for an individual or individuals who may have, or may have had orders in place. Nor is there central location where information is stored pertaining to who has, or has ever had an order in place.

They did advise in the past there was some work done to create a standalone dashboard within Connect for retrieval of orders but this has not changed the process and our response.

In essence to retrieve elements of information for this request would require a manual check of all records on the system to see if any individual had a CPN attached, this process would take much longer than 18 hours' work.

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