



Response Date:03/10/2024

2024/910 - State based offences

Although excess cost removed the forces 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.

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Between January 2024 - March 2024, please can I have a breakdown of the following:

1(a)How many crimes for Section 5 Public Order Act (CCCJS Code: PU86149. HO Code: 125/12) which were recorded as state based offences (Rex offences) were closed?

1(b). Of those crimes closed, how many were closed with no record of a notification provided to an informant or witness prior to closure?

2(a)How many crimes for Section 127(1) Communication Act (CCCJS Code: CA03005 and CA03006. HO Code: 196/07) which were recorded as state based offences (Rex offences) were closed? To be broken down by CCCJS Code, if possible.

2(b). Of those crimes closed, how many were closed with no record of a notification provided to an informant or witness prior to closure?

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. To obtain the information in the format you have requested would involve manually reviewing each record on our force system. The cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (FOI) Fees and Appropriate Limit regulations 2004.

Therefore, in accordance with the FOI Act 2000 the information you have requested is exempt under Section 12 (1), and this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (5) of the legislation.

3. What is the force's policy on providing updates to witnesses and/or informants regarding state based offences (Rex offences)?

4. What is the force's policy on informing or updating witnesses and/or informants regarding the closure of a state based offences (Rex offences)?

5. Is there a requirement for updates to be provided to a witness and/or informant regarding the investigation of state based offences (Rex offences)?

6. Is there a requirement to update a witness and/or informant prior to the closure of a state based offence (Rex offence)?

There is no specific force policy, we adhere to Authorised Professional Practice (**APP**) and the Victims Code:

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[MoJ Victims Code 2020 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 02/10/2024