

## **Freedom of Information Act 2000 (Section 51)**

### **Information notice**

**Date:** 3 December 2024

**Public Authority:** Chief Constable of Leicestershire Police  
**Address:** Police Headquarters  
Enderby  
Leicestershire  
LE19 2BX

### **Section 51**

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Under section 51 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("FOIA"), which is set out below, the Information Commissioner (the "Commissioner") has the power to serve a notice on a public authority requiring it to furnish him with any information he requires to enforce the requirements of FOIA.

51. – (1) If the Commissioner –

(a) has received an application under section 50, ...

he may serve the authority with a notice (in FOIA referred to as "an information notice") requiring it, within such time as is specified in the notice, to furnish the Commissioner, in such form as may be so specified, with such information relating to the application, to compliance with Part I or to conformity with the code of practice as is so specified.

### **Application under section 50**

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1. The Commissioner has received an application under section 50, reference IC-320624-C5S0, for a decision as to whether a request for information made by the complainant to Leicestershire Constabulary on 23 February 2024, has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of Part I of FOIA.

## Nature of complaint

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2. On 23 February 2024, the complainant made the following request for information under FOIA:

“Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I wish to see full copies of all legal agreements you hold with the British Broadcasting Corporation, Create Central and Full Fat TV relating to the production of the 'Fresh Cops' TV programme such as:

- Access agreements
- Production assistance agreements
- Memorandums of understanding
- Contracts”.

3. On 17 July the complainant wrote to the Commissioner expressing dissatisfaction with the way Leicestershire Police had handled his request.
4. On 30 October 2024, the Commissioner wrote to Leicestershire Police raising various queries to assist with his investigation of the complaint. At the time of writing this notice, he has received no acknowledgement or response.

## Information required

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5. In view of the matters described above, the Commissioner hereby gives notice that, in the exercise of his powers under section 51 of FOIA, he requires that Leicestershire Police shall, within 30 calendar days of the date of this notice, furnish him with the following information:
- Leicestershire Police is required to respond to the email which the Commissioner sent to it on 30 October 2024.

## Failure to comply

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6. Failure to comply with the steps described above may result in the Commissioner making written certification of this fact to the High Court (or the Court of Session in Scotland) pursuant to section 54 of the Act, and may be dealt with as a contempt of court.

## Right of appeal

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7. There is a right of appeal against this information notice to the First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights). Information about the appeals process can be obtained from:

First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights)  
GRC & GRP Tribunals,  
PO Box 9300,  
LEICESTER,  
LE1 8DJ

Tel: 0300 1234504

Fax: 0870 739 5836

Email: [grc@Justice.gov.uk](mailto:grc@Justice.gov.uk)

Website: [www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/general-regulatory-chamber](http://www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/general-regulatory-chamber)

8. Any Notice of Appeal should be served on the Tribunal within 28 (calendar) days of the date on which this information notice is sent. If Notice of Appeal is served late the Tribunal will not accept it unless it is of the opinion that it is just and right to do so by reason of special circumstances.

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**Water Lane**  
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