



Information Management

Freedom Of Information

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Dear Mr Tierney

Thank you for your request for information, received by West Yorkshire Police on 29/10/14.

Please accept our apologies for the delay in dealing with your request.

You requested the following information:

From the 2013/2014 season to present:

1 - The average number of officers on duty, for each home match at Elland Road

West Yorkshire Police do not hold average figures for the number of officers on duty at a specific location.

2 - The number of arrests made over the season, relating to matches at Elland Road

61 arrests were made during the 2013/14 season.

24 arrests have been made during the 2014/15 season to date.

3 - If possible, all of the above (and in previous message), but for 5 years previously (2008/2009 season), so that I can compare the figures.

Please see the below arrest figures for previous seasons:

72 arrests were made during the 2009/10 season.

101 arrests were made during the 2010/11 season.

95 arrests were made during the 2011/12 season.

104 arrests were made during the 2012/13 season.

4 - How much is spent on policing football matches at Leeds United Football Club along with any further details about how the cost is distributed towards various areas of the policing network, on match day, would also be very beneficial to me. Eg. is the money spent on police dogs, horses etc?

Please see the below costs of policing fixtures at Elland Road Football Club:

Year	Total cost to WYP	Invoiced to club	Net gain to WYP
2011/12	£1,062,700	£1,197,700	£135,000
2012/13	£1,037,400	£878,100	£159,300
2013/14	£571,500	£505,800	£65,700
2014/15	£209,600	£201,300	£8,300 (figures to date)

The above expenditure includes the costs of deploying all specialisms (dog section, mounted section etc.) which are deployed depending on the category of fixture.

The variation in costs is due to the differences in categorisation of fixtures each season i.e. which teams are in the division each season due to relegation & promotion. The 2011/12 season had a greater number of higher category fixtures which had large numbers of SPS staff deployed to them, reflected in the cost to Leeds United. However, deployment figures were amended several times in this season resulting in credits being given. The 2012/13 and 2013/14 seasons were mainly low category fixtures where fewer SPS staff were deployed, thereby reducing the cost to the club. Overall numbers deployed to all fixtures have been reduced since 2011/12.

COMPLAINT RIGHTS

If you are not satisfied with how this request has been handled or with the information provided, please read the advice notice attached to this letter. If you do wish to take up your right of complaint, please remember to quote the reference number above, in any future correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

Sue Durham
Force Information Manager

COMPLAINT RIGHTS

1. Are you unhappy with how your request has been handled or you think the decision is incorrect?

You have the right to request that West Yorkshire Police review their decision. Prior to lodging a formal complaint, we encouraged that you discuss the decision with the case officer that has dealt with your request.

2. Ask to have the decision looked at again

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision looked at again, is to telephone the case officer that is nominated at the end of your decision letter. That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

3. Complaint

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision of West Yorkshire Police, made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding access to information, you can lodge a written complaint to have the decision internally reviewed.

A West Yorkshire Police internal review of your decision, will be carried out by a senior member of staff who is fully trained in interpreting Freedom of Information legislation. The review will be independent conducted, regardless to the original decision made.

Complaints will only be treated as valid, if they are received by West Yorkshire Police within a 60 day timeframe from the date of the decision letter. They must include the original FOI Reference Number and can only be submitted in writing, by using the following contact details:

foi@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

or

West Yorkshire Police
FOI Internal Reviews
PO Box 9
Laburnum Road
Wakefield
WF1 3QP

In all possible circumstances, West Yorkshire Police will aim to complete and respond to your internal review within 20 working days. However this date may be extended in exceptional circumstances, by another 20 working days.

4. The Information Commissioner

If you are still dissatisfied with the internal review decision, made by West Yorkshire Police. You can then make an application to the Information Commissioner, for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at www.ico.gov.uk

Alternatively, you can phone their helpline or write to them at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
FOI Help Line: 0303 1231113