



Our Ref: 001278/20

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Jane Orange, Information Management

Date 22 April 2020

Dear Ms Stevens,

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 14/04/2020.

I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1. Are the police going to be checking Persons shopping trolleys when they come out of supermarkets to check that they have got essential items only? this is the policy of a couple of police forces within the UK.*
- 2. What will the police do with the non-essential goods that they confiscate from Individuals ?*
- 3. please clarify if you class plants for the garden from Tesco as an non essential item because they are something that persons do to enhance their wellbeing and help them cope with activities of daily living at this very scary time? this is pertaining to persons that suffer with anxiety and depression?*
- 4. Do you consider alcohol to be a non essential item because persons that are alcohol dependent need to buy a daily bottle of alcohol to prevent them going into a seizure how will the police manage this to safeguard persons who are alcohol dependent and this could be a matter of life or death.?*
- 5. Will the police be entering the homes of the elderly and those persons that are in the shielding group to check their online supermarket shop to see if they have bought essential items of food only?*
- 6 With the news that one police officer from another constabulary chastised a Father who was out playing with a ball on their front lawn and demanded that the Father and children went back into their house will the constabulary be following this policy as well?*

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within Leicestershire Police to locate information relevant to your request.

Your request for information has now been considered and the information asked for is as follows: -

Leicestershire Police do not have plans to check peoples shopping.

If we encountered people making journeys we believed to be non-essential we would in the first instance direct them to return home. This judgment would be

made on a case by case basis by the officers involved, taking into account all the prevailing circumstances.

We have no plans to confiscate 'non-essential' items. There is no power under the Coronavirus legislation to do so.

Under the Coronavirus legislation there are no restrictions on what items people can arrange to have delivered to their home address.

Please find below link which set out what constitutes a reasonable excuse to be out of your home:

<https://www.college.police.uk/What-we-do/COVID-19/Documents/What-constitutes-a-reasonable-excuse.pdf>

And also the below detailing what people can and cannot do:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do>

Please be aware that under Section 8 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, questions 3 and 4 of your request are not considered valid as they are not for specific information held and are requesting opinions.

Leicestershire Police provides you the right to ask for a re-examination of your request under its review procedure. Letters should be addressed to Information Manager, Corporate Services Department at the above address. If you decide to request such a review and having followed the Force's full process you are still dissatisfied, then you have the right to direct your comments to the Information Commissioner who will give it consideration.

Yours sincerely

Jane Orange

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