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Dear Joseph Shaw,

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I write in response to the above referenced Freedom of Information request submitted on the 17/10/2018, Hampshire Constabulary has now considered this request, which has been repeated below and have responded accordingly.

I would like to make an FOI request querying the amount of arrests in the year 2016/17 of students for drug possession Hampshire Constabulary does not hold this information in a retrievable format. The cost of determining if the information is held, locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. It is estimated that it would cost more than £450 to comply with your request.

There is no facility within the force custody system to extract accurate information relating to a persons stated occupation at time of detention.

Therefore in order to determine what information the force holds, every single custody record relating to an arrest for drug offences would have to be individually reviewed to determine if the detainee had stated they were a student within the record. This would involve the manual interrogation for thousands of custody records, therefore exceeding the cost limit under FOI.







You may wish to refine your request by narrowing down the search parameters – for example, allowing 10 custody records selected at random to be reviewed, thereby significantly reducing the number of records that would need to be manually searched to retrieve the information you are seeking.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, if one element of a request exceeds the statutory cost limit, the whole request may be refused on grounds of cost. As such, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice in respect of your whole request.

COMPLAINT RIGHTS

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision made by Hampshire Constabulary, you can lodge a complaint with the force to have the decision reviewed within 2 months of the date of this response. Complaints should be made in writing to the Public Access office at the address at the top of this letter.

If, after lodging a complaint with Hampshire Constabulary, you are still unhappy with the outcome, you may make an application to the Information Commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF, via telephone on 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745 or at the website www.ico.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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