



**Derbyshire Constabulary**

Mr Liam Ward

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Ask For: Freedom of Information  
Our Ref: 002474/17  
Your Ref: Fracking  
Date: 22 August 2017

Dear Mr Ward

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - REFERENCE NO: 002474/17**

I write in connection with your request for information which was received by Derbyshire Constabulary on 07/08/2017. I note you seek access to the following information:

*Can you please provide the answers to the following questions, in every case I am asking for details within the last five years and by 'drilling' I mean shale gas exploration, conventional and unconventional oil and gas drilling:*

*Staffing*

- 1. Have there been any licences granted for drilling in your constabulary?*
- 2. Have there been any licences granted for drilling in your constabulary that has required your force to deploy officers to manage/police any opposition/protests in relation to those drilling licences?*
- 3. If yes, in relation to which licences and sites has officers from your force been employed?*
- 4. How many officers have been on-site to police protests since the first deployment until the present day - a cumulative total is requested?*
- 5. Have all of the officers on-site been from the Derbyshire Constabulary?*
- 6. If not, from which constabularies and in what numbers were officers drafted?*
- 7. Which force was responsible for covering the cost of bringing in officers from outside the Derbyshire Constabulary?*
- 8. What has the total cost been, so far, to the Derbyshire Constabulary, for bringing in officers from outside the Derbyshire Constabulary?*

*Costs*

- 9. How many staff hours in total, from the first deployment until the time of this request, has been diverted to policing the aforementioned protests?*
- 10. How many Derbyshire Constabulary officers have been taken from other, regular duties to police the protests?*
- 11. How many Derbyshire Constabulary officers are working overtime to cover the protests?*
- 12. What is the highest payment/remuneration paid to an officer for one shift covering the protest, including any bonus or overtime payments? How long was said shift?*
- 13. What is the average amount of extra/bonus/overtime remuneration paid to all of the officers who have been responsible for policing these sites?*

14. What has been the total cost to Derbyshire Constabulary for the policing of drilling sites, from first deployment until the time of this request?
15. How much have the firm/s operating the licence/s paid Derbyshire Constabulary to cover the cost of the policing efforts?

#### Arrests

16. How many arrests have been made during the policing operation at the site/s? (Can arrestee details be categorized by age, gender, and town/city of residence, please?) 17. What were the grounds of each arrest?
18. How many of those arrested were later charged? (Can the details of those charged be categorized by age, gender, and town/city of residence, please?) 19. Of those charged, how many cases progressed to court? (Can the details of the people in those cases be categorized by age, gender, and town/city of residence, please?) 20. How many charges were dropped before any court appearance? (Can the details of those charged, whose charges were later dropped, be categorized by age, gender, and town/city of residence, please?) 21. Of the cases that progressed to court, how many defendants were found guilty of the charge against them? (Can the plea of the defendant, their age, gender, and town/city of residence also be provided, please?)

#### Use of force

22. How many reports of violence or aggression against your officers have you received - in relation to the policing of the site/s?
23. Have any of your officers reported any injuries sustained during the policing of the site/s?
24. If so, what were their injuries and how were they sustained?
25. How many official complaints have Derbyshire Constabulary received by protesters and local residents about the policing of their activities at the site/s?
26. What were the complaints relating to?
27. How many 'use of force' reports have been submitted by officers at the site/s? (I would like the day as the number of reports per day, from the first deployment until the present day)
28. Can you provide any further details of the nature of the force detailed in the reports? If so, what force was used against protesters?
29. What equipment are officers permitted to use in the course of their policing at the site/s (i.e. batons, cuffs, spray, etc.)?
30. How often has Derbyshire Constabulary had cause to use any of that equipment, and what specifically, since first deployment at the site/s and the date of this request?
31. Are officers been given any specific training before being deployed on the site/s for the first time?
32. If so, what is the training?
33. If no, why not?

#### Training and guidelines

34. Does Derbyshire Constabulary have any specific guidelines relating to the policing of protests at the site/s - particularly relating to 'slow walking' protests?
35. If so, what are those guidelines and how were they communicated to protesters?
36. Is there a record of the number of times protesters broke those guidelines and what action was taken?

37. If yes, please provide those details.

### **Result of Searches**

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within Derbyshire Constabulary to locate any relevant information. The searches located no information relevant to your request.

As a consequence the position of the Constabulary is 'no information held'. By way of explanation I am informed that there have been no licences granted for drilling in our area.

I am also grateful for your clarification on this issue during our telephone conversation on Tuesday 22 August

### **Right to Request a Review (Complaint)**

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Derbyshire Constabulary.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact the Freedom of Information Officer, on the above telephone number quoting the reference number in the header.

Yours sincerely

Kevin Lea  
Freedom of Information Officer

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