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Dear

Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

I write in connection with your request for information, which was received by Nottinghamshire Police on 07/12/2016.

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Nottinghamshire Police to locate the information you require.

RESPONSE

Under S 1 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), I can confirm that Nottinghamshire Police does hold the information you have requested in part.

Please find below answers to your questions:-

I am writing to you to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 from Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire Police.

Please would you provide a response to the following points:

1. What is the number of tests performed per month using preliminary roadside testing devices for oral fluid since the introduction of the new drug driving law on 2nd March 2015?

Mar – Nov 2015 No information held

Dec 2015 2

Jan 2016 2



Feb 2016	4
Mar 2016	12
Apr 2016	9
May 2016	7
Jun 2016	7
Jul 2016	6
Aug 2016	1
Sep 2016	2
Oct 2016	3
Nov 2016	8
Dec 2016	16

2. *Were the preliminary oral fluid roadside tests, referenced in point 1 above, carried out on a reader based system or a visual only test?*

All on Visual Only test

3. *How many positive results were detected for each drug in the preliminary roadside testing referenced in point 1 above?*

Mar – Nov 2015	No information held
Dec 2015	2
Jan 2016	0
Feb 2016	1
Mar 2016	8
Apr 2016	6
May 2016	3
Jun 2016	1
Jul 2016	4
Aug 2016	1
Sep 2016	2
Oct 2016	1

Nov 2016	3
Dec 2016	5

4. *How many of the preliminary roadside screening positive results were confirmed as positive in blood by a confirmatory technique?*

Please note that records are only partially complete:

Mar – Nov 2015	No information held
Dec 2015	2
Jan 2016	No info held
Feb 2016	1
Mar 2016	5
Apr 2016	5
May 2016	2
Jun 2016	No info held
Jul 2016	3
Aug 2016	No info held
Sep 2016	No info held
Oct 2016	No info held
Nov 2016	2
Dec 2016	No info held

5. *In how many cases, was a blood sample collected and tested for drugs without a preliminary screening test being completed and what were the primary reasons for not initially testing with a preliminary screening device?*

From 2/3/15 to 28/11/16 a total of 113 evidential specimens of Blood or Urine were obtained. The records do not differentiate between Blood/Urine.

Primary reason for not initially testing with a Preliminary Drugs Test device is that no device was available.

They first became available on a very limited basis to a small number of officers in Notts in December 2015.

Slightly more officers became trained from Feb / March 2016 although the supply of devices remains limited.

6. How many people were convicted for drug driving offences in the time frame referenced in point 1?

Conviction information is held by the Courts service.

Complaints Rights

Your attention is drawn to the enclosed review procedure, which details your right of complaint.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Nottinghamshire Police.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact the Freedom of Information Officer on telephone number 0115 9672507 or e-mail freedomofinformation@Nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

Disclosure Officer

Are you dissatisfied with your response?

Nottinghamshire Police has a duty to implement a complaints process in relation to Freedom of Information Act requests. If you are not content with our response, you may appeal, this process is known as an 'Internal Review'

Internal reviews are intended to be a fair and impartial means of reviewing the original request process.

You can appeal about your request if you:-

- Disagree with the Forces interpretation of your request;
- Believe the Force hold more information than has been disclosed to you;
- Disagree with the application of exemptions;

How do I appeal?

All appeals should be made in writing and sent to:-

Information Management
Nottinghamshire Police
Force Headquarters
Sherwood Lodge
Arnold
Notts
NG5 8PP

or alternatively freedomofinformation@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

To deal with your appeal as quickly as possible please provide the unique identification number provided with your response and the reasons for your appeal.

Once we have received your request for appeal, your FOI response will be reviewed in full to identify any problems in the disclosure.

The review will be undertaken by someone different from, and preferably senior to, the original decision maker and this should be completed within 20 working days from receipt, in exceptional circumstances it may be extended by a further 20 working days.

What if I'm still not satisfied?

You can appeal to the Information Commissioner. You can contact the Information Commissioner Office at the following:-

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or 01625 545 745 (national rate)

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