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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 23/12/2016.

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 some of the information you have requested.

Please find below answers to your questions:-

I am interested in how we can better improve access to mental health services for persons who either do not actively seek clinical assistance (i.e. don't go to their GP) or who are more often engaged with Police Forces.

I would appreciate it if you could complete the below FOI and provide any further information, policies or procedures associated with mental health in the policing context.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me by return email.

1.

a. Are the Force's police officers required to undertake training in mental health (i.e. recognising mental health, how to deal with persons displaying mental health issues?)

Yes, please see below.

b. If yes, could you please detail what this training includes and if possible supply a copy of the training materials / learning objectives or lesson plan? I am more interested in identifying mental health rather than restraining persons with dementia etc.

Police Officers are required to complete training in Mental Health. These include a full days training during recruitment and a day's placement at a local mental health hospital or with a relevant professional. In 2015 all frontline, custody and control room staff received an additional one days training in the Mental Capacity Act, S136 and Street Triage. In 2017 all frontline staff are having additional training on S135 Warrants, Patients who go absent without leave and Offending and Mental Health.

In addition to this in excess of 60 staff have received training on the knowledge and understanding framework for personality disorder with an additional 20 planned. Approximately 30 in Street Triage or with an additional interest are due to be trained in Mental Health First Aid Lite.

With regard to the training materials these are supplied to Nottinghamshire Police by the College of Policing and the copyright for those materials belongs with them. We have been advised that further details of lesson plans, Learning objectives and other materials can be requested from the Licensor (CoP) via their website contacts page. You may find the below link of use.

<http://www.college.police.uk/Pages/Home.aspx>

Email: contactus@college.pnn.police.uk

2.

a. Does the Force make clinical referrals e.g. to a GP, for persons who repeatedly offend due to mental health issues?

Yes, the Force has both a Triage Scheme and a Liaison and Diversion Service that will clinically refer people into Primary and Secondary Mental Health Services.

The Street Triage Team work 4pm – 1am every day of the week and consist of 2 officers and two psychiatric nurses every day.

The control room triage team work 8am – 5pm and are able to refer into services and is a psychiatric nurse.

The Liaison and Diversion Team are located in Police custody and work 8am-8pm. This Team consists of psychiatric Nurses, a psychologist and others. They will see offenders with Mental Health Issues and look to divert them to Mental Health Services as well as other statutory and Non statutory services for complex needs.

b. if yes, does this include for persons repeatedly brought in drunk to "sleep it off"?

We would not detain a person to "sleep it off". We would only detain an individual if an offence had been committed.

3.

a. Does the Force make social services referrals for adults who repeatedly offend due to mental health issues?

Yes through the above services and also the drugs / alcohol services that are commissioned to work in Police Custody.

b. if yes, does this include for persons repeatedly brought in drunk to "sleep it off"?

We would not detain a person to "sleep it off". We would only detain an individual if an offence had been committed.

4. For persons who are detained drunk to "sleep it off", is any support, guidance or other offered to them at discharge?

N/A as per the above, Nottinghamshire Police would not detain a person to "sleep it off". We would only detain an individual if an offence had been committed.

5. Could you please detail your procedure for discharging persons detained due to being drunk and to "sleep it off"?

N/A as above.

6. In 2015/16, how many unique persons were detained to "sleep it off"

N/A as above.

7. In 2015/16, how many episodes were there where a person was detained to "sleep it off"

N/A as above.

8. What is the average / estimated cost to the Force of a "night in the cells" as a result of being detained to sleep off a drunken state

N/A as above.

9.

a. Are any clinicians (registered health care providers) employed by the Force?

No, Nottinghamshire Police contract G4S for nurse and Doctor provision within custody.

b. Are any registered social workers employed by the Force?

No, No information held.

c. If yes to a. or b, could you please details what role(s) this is for, e.g. provide a list of all relevant job titles and / or job descriptions. If to provide job descriptions would take in excess of the appropriate limit specified in the act, a report of job titles and headcount / working time equivalent positions will be gladly received

*** 2015/16 is for your reporting year. If your reporting year is calendar year, please provide the information for 2015**

*** I appreciate that the term "sleep it off" is unlikely to be the official term you use, but what the presentation is common known by. In your**

response could you please state any official terms used for my future reference

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)

E-mail: casework@ico.org.uk