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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 25/12/2016.

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 not hold the information you have requested.

Please find below answers to your questions:-

**Could you please provide full details of any diversion schemes\* run by the force in connection with sex working offences and drug offences, respectively. The details should include:**

- 1. The full name and description of the scheme (or link to details online)**
- 2. When the scheme became operational**
- 3. How many people have used/taken part/been diverted into the scheme each year for the last five years**
- 4. What proportion of people offered the scheme have taken up the offer**

**\*Diversion schemes can be defined as educational programmes which are offered to offenders by way of them avoiding or mitigating against criminalisation.**

No information held. Nottinghamshire Police do not manage diversionary schemes for men or women involved in providing sex through prostitution, these are operated by third sector partner agencies. Similarly, Nottinghamshire Police aren't involved in drug rehabilitation programmes.

We do operate a diversionary scheme for kerb crawling known as the Change Course. Details of this can be found at the website below and has been run in Nottingham since 2002.

[www.thechange course.co.uk](http://www.thechange course.co.uk)

The following table shows the participants in the last 5 years:

2012	54
2013	56
2014	33
2015	37
2016	31

\*This table lists the year that the men attended the course, rather than the year they committed an offence.

We are unable to assess the number of men who were eligible to attend and offered the course but then declined the offer.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)