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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 14/11/2016.

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

Please accept this as a Freedom of Information Act mail. With thanks.

Please explain why in your web page explaining your policy on domestic violence you have not listed domestic violence fatalities of men killed by women but only listed fatalities of women killed by men? .

Please explain why you further state "women are much more likely to be victims than men"?

Please let me know who is the service provider you use to gather statistics on male victims of domestic violence in Nottingham as mention in page 2 of your Nottingham Domestic Abuse Review Funding and Commissioning document?

Please clarify what you mean by your justification for not including statistics from Nottingham male victims of domestic violence as mentioned in the statement on the above mentioned document on page 2 bullet point 2 ;

"This information was necessarily limited by the small number of suitable service users available for survey."

Please explain why you can state that " women are much more likely to be victims than men" and you apply this policy to Nottingham when it



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appears you do not know the exact number of male victims of domestic violence within Nottingham compared to the number of female victims and considering that it is widely acknowledged that male victimization is on the increase e.g. in Cornwall male victims constituted 4 of 5 reported incidents.

Please explain you'd justification for your statement.

Response

I must advise you that your request is not considered to be valid under Section 8 of the Freedom of Information Act as it does not appear to seek any **recorded information** held by Nottinghamshire Police but rather attempts to seek justification as to the implementation of policies or findings made by Nottinghamshire Police.

Despite this, in order to assist you and provide you with some information, the following response has been provided by our Domestic Abuse Unit.

Please explain why in your web page explaining your policy on domestic violence you have not listed domestic violence fatalities of men killed by women but only listed fatalities of women killed by men? .

The data was included in the document Police and Crime Panel which is available at

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/DMS/Document.ashx?czJKcaeAi5tUFL1DTL2UE4zNRBcoShgo=CCXC7ebLhzikz4s6PSMMHhjA2ReKCCftlyXkzhWBIDP50EfJwxU%2FNQ%3D%3D&rUzwRPf%2BZ3zd4E7lkn8Lyw%3D%3D=pwRE6AGJFLDNlh225F5QMaQWctPHwdhUfCZ%2FLUQzgA2uL5jNRG4jdQ%3D%3D&mCTIbCubSFfXsDGW9IXnlq%3D%3D=hFflUdN3100%3D&kCx1AnS9%2FpWZQ40DXFvdEw%3D%3D=hFflUdN3100%3D&uJovDxwdjMPoYv%2BAJvYtyA%3D%3D=ctNJFf55vVA%3D&FgPIIEJYlotS%2BYGoBi5oIA%3D%3D=NHdURQburHA%3D&d9Qji0ag1Pd993jsyOJqFvmyB7X0CSQK=ctNJFf55vVA%3D&WGewmoAfeNR9xqBux0r1Q8Za60lavYmz=ctNJFf55vVA%3D&WGewmoAfeNQ16B2MHuCPMRKZMwaG1PaO=ctNJFf55vVA%3D>

The report was specifically about female victims of domestic abuse therefore no data for males would have been included.

The data included in the report is sourced from and referenced to the Office for National Statistics

Office for National Statistics (2013). Focus on violent crime and sexual offences 2012/13 – Chapter 4: Intimate Personal Violence and Partner Abuse. Retrieved from:

http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/dcp171776_352362.pdf

Please explain why you further state "women are much more likely to be victims than men"?

In Nottinghamshire this is an accurate reflection in relation to the reporting of domestic abuse.

Male	Crime	Incident
Feb 16	78	57
Mar 16	83	62
Apr 16	85	51
May 16	101	64
Jun 16	98	117
Jul 16	106	164
Aug 16	133	193
Sep 16	126	165
Oct 16	110	87
Sum:	1009	961

Female	Crime	Incident
Feb 16	390	273
Mar 16	329	267
Apr 16	321	255
May 16	373	309
Jun 16	358	416
Jul 16	372	563
Aug 16	450	602
Sep 16	393	605
Oct 16	373	309
Sum:	3796	3600

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I am unable to source the document referred to with any degree of accuracy. But there are commissioned services within Nottingham (EQUATION) providing specific support for male survivors of domestic abuse.

Please explain why you can state that " women are much more likely to be victims than men" and you apply this policy to Nottingham when it appears you do not know the exact number of male victims of domestic violence within Nottingham compared to the number of female victims and considering that it is widely acknowledged that male victimization is on the increase e.g. in Cornwall male victims constituted 4 of 5 reported incidents.

Please explain your justification for your statement.

As per question 2) above, the data within Nottingham and Nottinghamshire supports the fact that more women report domestic abuse than men. Reporting from male victims may be on the increase but Nottinghamshire

police cannot comment on data in another force area nor assess the provenance of that data for accuracy.

What we can say is that DV is taken seriously and we are working to increase the reporting of all forms of domestic violence regardless of the gender of the survivor. As can be seen with the increase in male reporting, we are now starting to see the success of that communication message with an increase in male reporting.

Commissioned services exist within Nottinghamshire to support male survivors of domestic abuse and their services are reviewed quarterly to ensure best practice and effective support in this area.

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