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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 14/01/2020.

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.

Please find below answers to your questions:-

Nottinghamshire Police

With reference to:

<https://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/advice/firearms>

and:

<https://www.countryside-alliance.org/our...>

and:

<https://basc.org.uk/firearms-team-enquir...>

and:

<https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm...>



1. What policies, provisions, legislation and procedures are used by your force for guidance and adherence when deciding to approve an application for any form of Firearms License, including where minors will gain access to Firearms?

Answer: -

PS 157 Firearms Licensing Policy

<https://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/sites/default/files/documents/files/PS%20157%20Firearms%20Licensing%20Policy-%202018.pdf>

Firearms licensing law 2016

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/firearms-law-guidance-to-the-police-2012>

Firearms Act 1968

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1968/27/introduction>

2. When deciding to approve an application for any form of Firearms License, is there a legislative, procedural or policy requirement that the applicant's employment must require use of a Firearm in order to obtain a license or are licenses available to all meeting the stipulations of Firearms legislation regardless of the purpose to which they would put a Firearm, e.g. sport shooting?

Answer: - No

3. When persons are convicted of crimes of violence such as assault or unlawful killing of wildlife or any animal, what cross-checks/policies, provisions, legislation and procedures does your force have in place for guidance and adherence when deciding to withdraw any form of Firearms License issued to said person(s)?

Answer: -

PS 157 Firearms Licensing Policy

<https://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/sites/default/files/documents/files/PS%20157%20Firearms%20Licensing%20Policy-%202018.pdf>

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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 9670999 Ext 318 0888 or e-mail freedomofinformation@Nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. B.', written in a cursive style.

Electronically signed on behalf of Information Request Team

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.

Your request for review must be received within 28 calendar days your response. If your request for review is not received within this time period a review will not be considered.

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

Website: <https://ico.org.uk/>