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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 17/05/2017.

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:-

1. Does your force train officers in Achieving Best Evidence (ABE) Interviews?

Yes Nottinghamshire Police does.

2. Which teams receive ABE training?

All Professionalising Investigation Programme (PIP) 2 Officers received training.

3. How many officers have received ABE refresher training in the last 4 years?

As of 18/05/2017 - 32 Officers have received refresher training.

4. If you are unable to confirm the number of officers trained can you confirm the last 5 dates of the refresher courses your force has provided?

N/A as above.

5. If your force does not provide refresher training does your force use another force or commercial provider for refresher ABE training?

N/A as above.

6. Does your force use Registered Intermediaries in all ABE interviews for all children under 11?

Court of Appeal Citation (2016) EWCA Crim 97 radically amended the 2013 to 2015 Criminal Practice Directions on which the HMIC & College of Policing guidance is based. Given that this is an amendment to Criminal Practice Directions, Court of Appeal Citation (2016) EWCA Crim 97 should be adopted as most up to date good practice. The effect of this is that the requirement for an intermediary assessment for children 11 and under no longer exists and each case should be decided on its own merits on the basis of the needs assessment that we are obliged to complete by virtue of the Code of Practice for Victims of Crime and the Witness Charter.

7. What has been your forces expenditure been on Registered Intermediaries since 2014?

Please Note: Prior to 2015-16 information was not kept in the same way, so we are unable to identify intermediaries from appropriate adults.

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Intermediaries	-	28,515	45,937
Unknown	-	977	

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