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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 22/05/2017.

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. In 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17, how many cases were investigated in relation to suspected offences relating to forced marriages? This may include, but not be limited to, suspected offences of threatening behaviour, violence or abuse in the context of a forced marriage. (To help identify these cases, a monitoring flag may have been applied to the case record if the suspected offence has been carried out in the context of a forced marriage. The CPS identifies forced marriage cases using this monitoring flag, so I presume police forces may do the same.)**

Please see overleaf for the data held in relation to your request in the form of a table.

## No. of Crimes of 'Forced Marriages' recorded

Financial Year	No. of Crimes*
2014-15	0
2015-16	2
2016-17	1

\* Data obtained by using Home Office Offence Class of 36/05

Please Note:- This data has been extracted from a live system and may be subject to change  
Source:- performance and Insight 19.06.2017

**2.**

**Please can you disclose the age range of the reported victims in these cases and the number of them who were aged 15 or under?**

**(I mean the total age range across all cases, so there is no chance of identification of victims. For instance, there may have been 20 cases investigated, with 9 of the reported victims being 15 or under and the reported victims being aged between 9 and 25. By 'reported victims' I mean the people who the police suspected were being forced into marriages.)**

All three were 15 to 20.

**3.**

**How many of the reported victims in these cases were female? How many were male?**

All three victims were female.

**4.**

**How many of the female reported victims in these cases who were 15 or under were pregnant or had children?**

No information held. The Offences do not state whether any of the Victims were Pregnant or had any Children.

**5.**

**In 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17, how many defendants in these cases were charged in relation to offences relating to forced marriages?**

Financial Year	Outcome
2014-15	N/A
2015-16	Outcome 20 : Other body/agency has investigation primacy
	Suspected - outstanding

2016-17	15.0 Suspect NFA evi diff
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**6.**

**In 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17, how many of these defendants were prosecuted by the CPS?**

No information held. Please see above.

**7.**

**Please can you disclose how many of these prosecutions resulted in defendants being found guilty of any of the offences.**

**Please list each offender by name, along with available details of their convictions and sentences.**

N/A as above.

**8.**

**In 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17, how many cases were investigated in relation to the specific offence of forced marriage, which was created by section 121 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and came into force in June 2014?**

Data obtained by using Home Office Offence Class of 36/05. This is what is provided above.

**9.**

**Please can you disclose the age range of the reported victims in these cases, the number of them who were aged 15 or under and the number who were male and female?**

N/A as above.

**10.**

**How many of the female reported victims in these cases who were 15 or under were pregnant or had children?**

N/A as above.

**11.**

**In 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17, how many defendants were charged in relation to this specific offence of forced marriage?**

N/A as above.

**12.**

**In 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17, how many of these defendants were prosecuted by the CPS and how many resulted in convictions?**

**If there were any convictions, please list each offender by name, along with available details of their convictions and sentences.**

N/A as above.

**13.**

**In 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17, how many cases were investigated in relation to breaches of forced marriage protection orders?**

Nil return. No information held.

**14.**

**Please can you disclose the age range of the reported victims in these cases, the number of them who were aged 15 or under and the number who were male and female?**

N/A as above.

**15.**

**How many of the female reported victims in these cases who were 15 or under were pregnant or had children?**

N/A as above.

**16.**

**In 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17, how many defendants were charged in relation to breaches of forced marriage protection orders?**

N/A as above.

**17.**

**In 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17, how many of these defendants were prosecuted by the CPS and how many resulted in convictions? If there were any convictions, please list each offender by name, along with available details of their convictions and sentences.**

N/A as above.

### **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)