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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 30/06/2017.

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:-

**I am submitting a Freedom of Information request relating to disclosure of details on social media offences regarded as hate crimes and recorded by police in Nottinghamshire for the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017, inclusive, as follows:**

**Q1: The total number of hate crimes on social media platforms recorded by police for the census period stated.**

**Q2: In relation to Q1, the total number of hate crimes on social media platforms which were flagged as 'racially aggravated' (ie race hate crimes).**

**Q3: In relation to Q1, the total number of hate crimes on social media platforms which were flagged as 'religiously aggravated' (ie faith-based hate crimes).**

**Q4: As of April 2016, all forces in England and Wales are required to record crimes that are 'Islamophobic', that is, directed at Muslim victims (including perceived Muslim victims). Please provide figures for the total number of social media offences flagged as Islamophobic crimes for the census period stated.**

Hate Crimes \* \*\*\* Involving Social Media \*\* for 2016/17 \*\*\*\*

1. Total Number of Hate Crimes involving Social Media = 39
2. From Above the Number which were flagged as Racial Hate Crime = 24
3. From Above the Number which were flagged as Faith Hate Crime = 2
4. From Above the Number which were flagged as Islamophobic \*\*\*\*\* Hate Crime = 2

\* Data provided is taken from our Hate Crime Query, which we use to complete our Hate Crime Return for the Home Office.

\*\* Social Media Crimes are taken from our Cyber Crime Compilation

\*\*\* Please be aware that the data provided is not the number of Crimes but the number of Crimes per Hate Crime Strand. One Hate Crime can fit in more than one Hate Crime Strand.

\*\*\*\* 2016/17 Period is 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017 inclusive

\*\*\*\*\* Islamophobic Crimes are where the victim was 'Muslim'

Please Note:- This data has been extracted from a live system and may be subject to change  
Source:- Performance and Insight 18.07.2017

**Please Note:** Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide crime statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the crime data. **It should be noted that for these reasons, this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.**

### **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)