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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 06/07/2017.

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 writing requesting details pertaining to working arrangements.***

***Specifically:***

- i) On how many occasions in each year from 2010 to date, police officers in this force have operated on lone patrols.***
- ii) What was the total number of hours overtime incurred for police officers in this force in each year from 2010 to date.***
- iii) What the average number of hours overtime incurred for police officers in this force in each year from 2010 to date.***
- iv) What was the total number of rest days cancelled for police officers in this force in each year from 2010 to date.***

With regards to your question concerning Officers on lone patrol, this information is not recorded in an easily retrievable format. To locate, retrieve



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and extract the requested information requires a manual search of all records held in relation to Officer's duties from 2010 to date, to establish whether they had conducted lone patrols. Such an undertaking would involve reviewing many thousands of records and would certainly exceed the cost threshold of 18 working hours to achieve which engages Section 12 (1) of the Act.

This letter constitutes a refusal notice under Section 17(5) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 with Section 12(1) of the act being applied

**12. – (1)** Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

Should you wish for the Force to continue with your request, a more accurate figure will be provided within a fee's notice. The cost will need to be paid by you, prior to any further investigation. Please advise if you wish to proceed.

Alternatively you are invited to refine your request to bring it within the cost threshold – although I am unable to suggest a suitable refinement.

In accordance with the Act, once one part of the request exceeds the cost threshold the entire request exceeds the cost threshold. However, I am able to provide you with some information regarding the total overtime hours worked as below (although some of the older information is no longer available):

### **Overtime hours worked**

2010/11	Not available
2011/12	Not available
2012/13	140,356
2013/14	154,293
2014/15	130,040
2015/16	136,414
2016/17	141,156

These hours are based on when the hours were physically worked and not paid

These hours include those worked by Core funded, externally funded and seconded officers

2010/11	4,961,284
2011/12	4,702,041
2012/13	4,500,701
2013/14	4,459,922
2014/15	3,881,400
2015/16	4,212,573
2016/17	3,994,571

These numbers do not include National Insurance contributions

These numbers do include accruals at year end and is based on payroll, therefore there could be a timing difference between hours worked and actually paid

These numbers include those worked by Core funded, externally funded and seconded officers

Please note:

- Officer numbers employed should come from HR
- We cannot find any files that supports the number of hours worked for 2010/11 and 2011/12
- The hours are based on when the hours were physically worked and not paid; and include those worked by Core funded, externally funded and seconded officers
- The numbers do not included National Insurance contributions
- The numbers include accruals at year end and is based on payroll, therefore there could be a timing difference between hours worked and actually paid
- The numbers include those worked by Core funded, externally funded and seconded officers

### **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)