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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 10/07/2017.

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 some of the information you have requested.

Please find below answers to your questions:-

- Any and all reported incidents categorised as a hate crime on the basis of religion/faith connected to or directed at a Muslim place of worship within the boundaries of the Nottinghamshire Police force area between March 1st 2016 and June 30th 2016, including the time, date, location, summary of the incident and outcome

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- The criteria by which a reported incident is categorised as a reported hate crime on the basis of religion/faith

- The criteria by which a recorded crime is categorised as a recorded hate crime on the basis of religion/faith

Please see below for the data held in relation to your request in the form of tables.

Religious Hate Incidents occurring at Muslim Places of Worship
01/03/2016 – 30/06/2017

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| 28/06/2016 | Not known. Recorded 09:06:00 | STREET RECORD HILLINGTON RISE NOTTINGHAM NG55RD | Various stickers purporting to be from the National Front have been stuck to lamp posts on street stating "NATIONAL FRONT SAYS PUT PENSIONERS BEFORE IMMIGRANTS 07840928323", "NATIONAL FRONT HANG PAEDO SCUM" and "NATIONAL FRONT NO MORE MOSQUES". | Recorded and stickers removed. Unable to identify suspect. |
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Religious Hate Crimes occurring at Muslim Places of Worship
01/03/2016 – 30/06/2016

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| 23/06/2016 | 20:00- 23:00 | HENRY STREET HUCKNALL NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NG157RQ | Racially / Religiously aggravated criminal damage | Victim parked his car on Henry street whilst he attended the mosque for worship. Upon his return an unknown person have smashed his back window and broken his wing mirror of his vehicle that was parked on the road. | Investigation complete. Unable to identify suspect. |
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Religious Hate Crimes occurring at Muslim Places of Worship
01/03/2017 – 30/06/2017

| Reported 28/04/2017 | Not known. Reported 13:30. | | | | Investigation on-going. |
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| 19/05/2017 | 14:15 | MANSFIELD JAMEE MASJID GOODACRE STREET MANSFIELD NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NG182HJ | Racially / religiously aggravated intentional harassment / alarm / distress | Suspect and victim have had a verbal altercation and Suspect has said to victim, "YOU PAKI, YOU DON'T BELONG HERE, FUCK OFF BACK TO WHERE YOU CAME FROM" | Suspect identified but unable to support a prosecution due to evidential difficulties. |
| 18/06/2017 | 01:45- 02:30 | 128 EDWARDS LANE SHERWOOD NOTTINGHAM NOTTINGHAM CITY NG5 3HU | Harassment | Two unknown males seen on CCTV walking around the Mosque carrying a Union Jack flag and then trying to gain entry. Males then believed to have put pork meat on the door handle. | Investigation on-going. Two suspects have been charged. |

Please be advised that there are some incidents in relation to your request which are still under investigation at this time.

As this is such we are unable to disclose any details as this information would be exempt under Section 30(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

30. – (2) Information held by a public authority is exempt information if –

- a) it was obtained or recorded by the authority for the purposes of its functions relating to –
 - i) investigations falling within subsection (1) a) or b)
 - ii) criminal proceedings which the authority has power to conduct
 - iii) investigations (other than investigations falling within subsection (1) a) or b) which are conducted by the authority for any of the purposes specified in section 31 (2) and either by virtue of Her Majesty's prerogative or by virtue of powers conferred by or under any enactment, or
 - iv) civil proceedings which are brought by or on behalf of the authority and arise out of such investigations, and
- b) it relates to the obtaining of information from confidential sources

Section 30 is a class based qualified exemption. Consideration must be given with regard to whether there is a public interest in neither confirming nor denying that any other information exists is the appropriate response.

Evidence of Harm

In releasing information about the above incident it is possible it would have the effect of undermining any on-going and/or covert investigations as it could lead to individuals with criminal intent becoming aware of whether or not their activities have been detected and could ultimately compromise policing tactics, operations and future prosecutions.

Section 30 Public Interest Considerations

Factors favouring disclosure

The Police Service is tasked with the delivery of effective law enforcement ensuring the detection and prevention of crime and the public has a right to know that Nottinghamshire Police focuses its attention and responsibility to ensuring serious criminal offences are dealt with appropriately and efficiently.

Factors favouring non-disclosure

Disclosure of the information requested could lead to individuals with criminal intent becoming aware of whether or not their activities have been detected and could ultimately compromise policing tactics, operations and future prosecutions.

Balancing Test

The Police Service is tasked with protecting the community we serve and solving crime and there is a public interest argument in ensuring we are open and transparent with regard to policing investigations and operations. There is no doubt that for the issue outlined above any disclosure relating to investigation information could jeopardise those important roles.

It is therefore our opinion that the balance lies in favour of non-disclosure of the information at this time.

Guidance

Data has been extracted from the Niche and POETS systems for the period 01/03/2016-30/06/2016 and 01/03/2017-30/06/2017 and relates to all Crimes and Incidents that have been tagged as relating to Religious/Faith Hate and which have been identified as connected to or directed at a Muslim place of worship.

No relevant incidents were identified as recorded 01/03/2017-30/06/2017. Religious/Faith Hate Crimes that have been identified as connected to Muslim places of worship, in that they are directed at persons attending these places of worship during or immediately before the offence period, have also been considered to fall under the request.

Due to the nature of some of the crimes and incidents it is not always possible to provide an exact date and time for when they occurred. Where this is the case the reported date and time are provided.

Notes

The recording of a hate crime is based on victim perception, as per the national definition of hate crime, so the recording against a strand (in this case religion) is based on the victim's perception that the crime was motivated by hostility or prejudice towards them in respect of religion or belief.

The same approach applies to the recording of hate incidents, the difference being that the hate incidents are not Home Office recordable crimes.

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 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