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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 19/07/2017.

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 in part.

Please find below answers to your questions:-

I wish to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for the following information. If the information requested is already published in another format, please point me in its direction.

3. For each of those years, how many victims were referred to local rape and sexual violence support groups (if possible, please state the name of the groups used by the force for referrals).

This information is not recorded in an easily retrievable format. To locate, retrieve and extract the requested information requires a manual search of all records held to determine if the victim of the offence in relation to this request

had been referred. Nottinghamshire Police retains a policy for the effective management and investigating of Rape & Serious Sexual Assaults. It is mandatory for all victims of these offences to be referred to a Sexual Assault Referral Centre for forensic examination along with welfare, support, advice and assistance. However it is within the rights of the victim to refuse any referral request being made. In order to determine if a referral had been made would require a manual search of each record located and an initial search revealed a total of 939 records over a five year period.

It is estimated that to search one record would take approximately 10 minutes which would equate to approximately 157 working hours (for five years' worth of records). This takes the request over the cost threshold of 18 working hours and 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 – perhaps by reducing the number of years you require data for, and resubmitting the request.

In accordance with the Act, once one part of the request exceeds the cost threshold the entire request exceeds the cost threshold. However, under Section 16 of the Act: Advice and Guidance we can provide you with the We will provide you with the information we have been able to retrieve in relation to Questions 1,2, and 4 within the time period specified in your request.

1. For each of the past five years (including 2017 to date), how many rapes and sexual assaults were reported to the force.

| Crimes Recorded | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017** | Total: |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|--------|--------|
| Rapes | 340 | 383 | 582 | 807 | 832 | 603 | 3547 |
| Sexual Assaults | 416 | 460 | 632 | 821 | 844 | 542 | 3715 |

* Data provided where Classification Status is equal to Outcome 1 or Outcome 1A.

** 2017/18 Period is 1st January 2017 - 30st June 2017 inclusive

2. For each of those past five years (including 2017 to date), how many reported rapes and sexual assaults resulted in a charge.

| Number of Charge/Summons* | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017** | Total: |
|---------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|--------|--------|
| Rape | 64 | 63 | 65 | 75 | 64 | 48 | 379 |
| Sexual Assaults | 94 | 92 | 109 | 113 | 96 | 56 | 560 |

* Data provided where Classification Status is equal to Outcome 1 or Outcome 1A.

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4. Has the force given any consideration to any waiting lists for rape and sexual violence support, and how such waiting lists can be mitigated against. If so, please provide details.

Answer: - No Information Held

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