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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 03/08/2017.

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:-

Could I please request the number of race hate and religious hate crimes recorded by the police force for the period between 1st March 2014 and 30th July 2017.

- 1) Please provide this information broken down by calendar month***
- 2) For the above information how many arrests and how many convictions were made?***

In relation to question 2, this information is not recorded in an easily retrievable format. Crime records are filed at the point of charge and arrest records are held separately from crime records. The outcome of any prosecution is recorded on the individual offenders' Police National Computer Record. Therefore to locate, retrieve and extract the requested information in respect of arrests or convictions occurring out of these crimes requires a manual search of all records held to ascertain offender details and would necessitate cross reference checks of PNC to determine whether a conviction had ensued.

An initial search revealed a total of 3051 records over the time period specified which would be required to be reviewed.

It is estimated that to search one record and conduct the necessary cross reference checks of PNC would take approximately 10 minutes which would equate to approximately 508.5 working hours. 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, we are able to provide the information as requested at question 1 as below:

Please see the below tables of results:

Number of Race Hate Crimes * **

Month ****	2014	2015	2016	2017 ***
January	N/A	44	41	64
February	N/A	53	64	72
March	44	61	47	83
April	40	75	58	82
May	48	67	46	101
June	52	59	52	111
July	83	87	97	100
August	67	60	100	N/A
September	64	52	94	N/A
October	69	56	89	N/A
November	53	69	135	N/A
December	56	57	90	N/A
Grand Total	576	740	913	613

Number of Faith Hate Crimes * **

Month ****	2014	2015	2016	2017 ***
January	N/A	5	2	1
February	N/A	5	4	5
March	3	1	6	7
April	3	1	2	3
May	0	4	1	8
June	3	30	5	15
July	1	7	7	8
August	2	2	10	N/A
September	2	1	13	N/A
October	1	3	6	N/A
November	4	11	6	N/A
December	1	5	5	N/A
Grand Total	20	75	67	47

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

** Please be aware that data provided is the number of Crimes per Hate Strand.

One Crime can fit into more than one Hate Strand i.e. Race and Faith. Therefore there could be some duplication.

*** 2017 Period - 1st Jan to 31st July inclusive

**** Data provided is by Created Date

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

Source:- Performance and Insight 18.08.2017

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