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**Freedom of Information Section**  
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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 08/08/2017.

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:-

***I wish to submit a Freedom of Information request in relation to all information/evidence that informed Nottinghamshire Police Force's policy that includes categorising wolf whistling as misogyny, or as being classified as a hate crime.***

This information is not recorded in an easily retrievable format. Your request asks for any document or record held which may have informed Nottinghamshire Police's misogynistic hate crime policy. There will be national advice already in circulation regarding this matter which informed discussions/meetings between Chief Officers and partners. Records in relation of such meetings are not held centrally and are likely to be held in several locations possibly as part of individual Officers' files or emails. Your

request also does not differentiate between electronically held records and those held in a paper format only. To locate, retrieve and extract the requested information requires a manual search of all records held including manual checks of specified Officers email accounts and any meeting records held. Any meeting/briefing/email has the potential to involve some information relevant to your request. Although your request specifies a particular theme, documents/records/correspondence/emails could be held by any department of Nottinghamshire Police and would involve individual enquiries to locate any relevant material. Such manual reviews and enquiries would take in excess of 18 working hours to conduct and thus engage Section 12 of the Act.

**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.

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

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.

You are invited to refine your request to bring it within the cost threshold – such as by identifying any specific departments of Nottinghamshire Police where searches may be conducted.

I am able to provide some information in respect of your request which relate to hate crime policy and hate crime training provided to Police Officers which you may find to be of assistance.

A report into Hate Crime was also commissioned by Nottingham Citizens and this is available on the internet via the following link:

[http://www.citizensuk.org/notts\\_commission](http://www.citizensuk.org/notts_commission)

### **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)