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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 14/08/2017.

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:-

Please provide answers to the following information:

- 1. Does your constabulary use dash cam footage in:**
 - a. motoring offence prosecutions**
 - b. solving other non-motoring crimes**
 - c. any other reasons not identified here**

- 2. If yes to Q1a, b or c., what number of submissions of dash cam footage**
 - a. directly contribute to offenders being charged**
 - b. provides supporting evidence to make a case against an offender**

- 3. Does your constabulary have a specific project, e.g. Operation SNAP (<https://www.north-wales.police.uk/contact/minor-incident-reporting/op-snap>), in place to receive dash cam footage from the general public?**

4. If yes to Q3, how do you analyse the footage?

5. Does your constabulary have adequate resources for receiving the volume of dash cam footage submitted, and cataloguing it appropriately?

6. Has the constabulary's ability to deal with the volume of dash cam footage submitted by the general public been compromised by the cuts to police funding?

7. How much in manpower and budget has the constabulary committed to staffing a dash cam public submission programme?

8. How much has been saved in police budget and resource by introducing a dash cam public submission programme?

9. Please provide figures for the following table PER MONTH and level of prosecution for the dates September 2015 to August 2017

****TABLE INSERT HERE****

10. Of those cases in which dash cams have been used for evidence:

a. how many offenders were charged after the dash cam footage was submitted more than once?

b. how many offenders have been prosecuted following an online community highlighting poor driving?

In relation to questions 2 and 10, 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. We would be required to check each individual crime recorded to determine if in car footage had been utilised in the assistance of the investigation. In order to determine if the footage had been used to charge and offender would require a manual search of the case file in order to see what evidence would be used. An initial search revealed a total of 211598 records over a three period.

It is estimated that to search one record would take approximately 10 minutes which would equate to approximately 35266 working hours (for three 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 – due to the nature of the request and the volume of data I am unable to provide a refinement to your request that would bring it within cost.

In accordance with the Act, once one part of the request exceeds the cost threshold the entire request exceeds the cost threshold.

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