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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 25/09/2017.

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:-

***Under the Freedom of Information Act I would like to ask for information on crimes reported within your area between September 1st 2016 and August 31st 2017 (inclusive).***

***Could you share the following: -***

- ***The number of offences involving theft reported in total***
- ***The number of those offences that involved the taking of computing and communications devices i.e. mobile and smartphones, tablets, laptops, desktop computers, computing equipment.***
- ***How many of the reported takings of computing and communications devices were from private individuals***

- ***How many of the reported takings of computing and communications devices were from businesses or other organisations (e.g. local Government, health services, etc.) I would be very grateful for any information you could provide, but if time is limited then just the answers to the first two questions (i.e. number of reported incidents and the number that involved taking computers and communications devices) would be fantastic.***

***NOTE: If it is not possible to provide a breakdown in this detail , then please simply provide the results as you record them.***

With regards to a breakdown of thefts offences between private individuals and business/Organisations, 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. An initial search revealed a total of 2383 records relating to thefts of computer/communications device during the specified time period.

It is estimated that to search one record would take approximately 5 minutes which would equate to approximately 198.58 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 happy to provide you with the information as requested at points 1 and 2 of your request which were able to be retrieved within the cost threshold as below:

<b>Number of Thefts Offences recorded from September 2016 - August 2017 inclusive</b>
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**Q1 - Total number of Theft Offences  
recorded \***

23279

**Q2 - Number of the above Thefts where  
Mobile Phones and Computers have been  
stolen\*\*\*\*\***

<b>Description Type</b>	<b>No. of Offences</b>
Celluar/Mobile Phone**	2074
Computers, parts or accessories***	199
Laptops****	110
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2383</b>

\*This figure consists of all Theft Offences

\*\*Data has been provided by filtering on General Property Description 'Cellular/mobile phone'

\*\*\*Data has been provided by filtering on General Property Type 'Computers, parts or accessories' but excludes laptops

\*\*\*\*Data has been provided where the General property Description equals 'Laptop Computer' and by reading the occurrence summary

\*\*\*\*\*Please be aware this is the number of crimes and more than one item could have been stolen.

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

Source:- Performance & Insight 20/10/2017

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](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)