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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 02/10/2017.

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 could you tell me, for your force area and for each of the last 10 years that you are able to, the following:***

- ***Number of deaths due to .22" bullets***
- ***Number of injuries due to .22" bullets***
- ***Number of other incidents involving legally held .22" firearms***
- ***Number of arrests relating to .22" firearms (legally and illegally held)***
- ***Number of convictions arising from offences involving .22" firearms (legally and illegally held)***
- ***Number of unsolved cases involving .22" firearms***
- ***Number of air weapons seized that use a self-contained gas cartridge, also called "tandem air cartridge" (TAC) or "Brocock"***
- ***Number of .22" firearms held on firearm certificates***

***Please could you also tell me the calibres and brands of ammunition used by the force's AFOs, both while training and while on duty***

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 in relation to recorded firearms offences to establish the calibre of bullets used in each case. Further cross reference checks would also be required to be conducted in respect of your request for convictions associated with such offences, whether the firearm was legally or illegally held, and the number of seizures of .22 caliber firearms. An initial search revealed a total of 1231 records relating to gun crimes in Nottinghamshire from 2008 to present.

It is estimated that to search one record and conduct any cross reference checks would take approximately 15-20 minutes which would equate to approximately 307.75 – 410.33 working hours (for 10 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, we can provide the below information in respect of the number of firearms offences recorded by injury and outcome:

**The number of Gun Crimes in Nottinghamshire from 2008 - September 2017 inclusive\* \*\* \*\*\***

Year	Victim Injury					Grand Total
	Fatal	None or property only	Serious	Slight	Threat	
2008	0	24	3	41	87	<b>155</b>
2009	1	19	7	53	124	<b>204</b>
2010	1	6	6	37	85	<b>135</b>
2011	0	14	7	32	77	<b>130</b>
2012	3	8	4	22	77	<b>114</b>
2013	4	8	6	28	63	<b>109</b>
2014	0	12	3	22	53	<b>90</b>

2015	0	15	2	43	55	<b>115</b>
2016	0	13	1	55	86	<b>155</b>
2017 **	0	0	0	3	21	<b>24</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>1231</b>

Year	Outcome								Grand Total
	CHARGE	SUMMONS	ADULT CAUTION	Youth Caution	COMMUNITY RESOLUTION	FINAL WARNING	PENALTY NOTICE FOR CRIME	REPRIMAND	
2008	27	0	4	0	0	1	1	7	<b>40</b>
2009	56	0	2	0	0	4	0	7	<b>69</b>
2010	42	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	<b>47</b>
2011	37	0	4	0	2	3	1	4	<b>51</b>
2012	37	1	2	0	6	0	0	3	<b>49</b>
2013	34	1	2	0	10	0	0	0	<b>47</b>
2014	27	1	1	0	7	0	0	0	<b>36</b>
2015	26	0	1	1	11	0	0	0	<b>39</b>
2016	17	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	<b>18</b>
2017	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>4</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>400</b>

\* Please Note data has been taken from our Gun compilation that we used to complete our Home Office return.

\*\*2017 data is upto 30th September inclusive

\*\*\* The data provided is the number of Gun crimes and of those the ones which had a Positive Outcomes. We are not able to provide this data down to the actual bullets used.

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

Source-: Performance and 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)