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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 05/01/2015.

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Nottinghamshire Police to locate the information you require.

Please find below answers to your questions:-

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.

1.) How many "non-warranted" or "Police Staff" investigators are currently employed by your Force?

As of 1st October 2014 there were 60 Civilian Investigators within force, employed using the title Police Investigatory Officer supporting police investigations.

2.) How many "non-warranted" or "Police Staff" investigators are currently appointed within your Force through a recruitment agency or external provider?

None

3.) a) Within which teams and departments do you currently employ or use these "non-warranted" or "Police Staff" investigators? For example; Major Crime, Domestic Violence, Child Abuse Investigation, CID etc.

As of 1st October 2014, the 60 Civilian Investigators within the force BCU structure were employed within the following departments: Prisoner handling teams, managed incident cars, firearms licensing, Public Protection and divisional CID teams.

b) Please provide a breakdown of how many of these investigators there are within each team/department.

Of the 60 investigators, 29 are classified as Level 1 PIO's (working predominantly within the MIC), 21 are classified as Level 2 PIO's (assisting divisional CID investigations within CID departments), 4 are case builders within the PHT with 6 civilian investigators working within crime and justice.

4.) a) How many of these "non-warranted" or "Police Staff" investigators hold PIP level 2 accreditation?

From The College of Policing, PIO's at the current time are not entitled to progress or embark upon the CID PIP level 2 course which in turn leads to the PIP 2 qualification for detectives. However this is locally under review and there is likely to be an equivalent qualification introduced within Nottinghamshire Police to work towards and secure.

b) How many of these "non-warranted" or "Police Staff" investigators have taken the National Investigators Examination?

See above. As PIO's are not entitled to progress or embark upon the CID PIP level 2 course, inevitably there is no requirement to complete the NIE examination. The NIE examination may have previously been undertaken by PIO's who were former detectives within Nottinghamshire, but this examination would have preceded their current role as a PIO and not because of it.

5.) What training have these "non-warranted" or "Police Staff" investigators received?

An initial four week training program followed by a six month probationary period. During their probationary phase they are also allocated a tutor to provide on-going direction and support. During this period they also have to complete a portfolio to show competency in role against set standards. This entire training package is currently under review.

6.) What powers, if any, have these investigators been designated by the Chief Constable under section 38 of the Police Reform Act 2002 - please break this information down into how many members of staff have been designated powers under each paragraph.

Designated powers devolved are dependent on the PIO role performed. The maximum amount of powers under S 38, that are devolved within Nottinghamshire to PIO's is as follows. Securing PACE warrants, access to special material, entry and search after arrest, general powers of seizure, copying items seized by officers, arrests at police stations for other offences, powers to transfer people into custody of investigating officers, powers requiring people to account for certain matters and extended powers of seizure.

7.) Please provide details of any promotion or advancement structure for "non-warranted" or "Police Staff" investigators - if there is not one in place, please state this.

At present there exists no promotion opportunity for PIO's. This however is currently under review and a structured career pathway is currently being developed for future consideration by the organisation for different grades within the PIO system.

8.) Please provide job descriptions for each "non-warranted" or "Police Staff" investigator role within your Force.

Please see attached

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