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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 06/01/2014.

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) The number of people arrested on suspicion of committing an offence under section 53A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003, as inserted by section 14 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009, that is paying for the sexual services of a prostitute subjected to force, since April 1 2010;**

**2) The number of people charged with committing an offence under section 53A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003, as inserted by section 14 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009, that is paying for the sexual services of a prostitute subjected to force; since April 1 2010;**

**3) The number of people aged under 18-years-old arrested on suspicion of committing an offence under section 53A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003, as inserted by section 14 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009, that is paying for the sexual services of a prostitute subjected to force, since April 1 2010;**

**4) The number of people aged under 18-years-old charged with committing an offence under section 53A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003, as inserted by section 14 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009, that is paying for the sexual services of a prostitute subjected to force, since April 1 2010;**

**5) The age of the youngest person arrested on suspicion of committing an offence under section 53A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003, as inserted by section 14 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009, that is paying for the sexual services of a prostitute subjected to force, since April 1 2010;**

**6) The age of the youngest person charged with committing an offence under section 53A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003, as inserted by section 14 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009, that is paying for the sexual services of a prostitute subjected to force; since April 1 2010;**

**7) The number of people arrested on suspicion of committing an offence under section 51A in the Sexual Offences Act 2003, as inserted by section 19 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009, that is being a person in a street or public place to solicit another for the purpose of obtaining a sexual service as a prostitute, since April 1 2010;**

**8) The number of people charged with committing an offence under section 51A in the Sexual Offences Act 2003, as inserted by section 19 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009, that is being a person in a street or public place to solicit another for the purpose of obtaining a sexual service as a prostitute, since April 1 2010;**

**9) The number of people aged under 18-years-old arrested on suspicion of committing an offence under section 51A in the Sexual Offences Act 2003, as inserted by section 19 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009, that is being a person in a street or public place to solicit another for the purpose of obtaining a sexual service as a prostitute, since April 1 2010;**

**10) The number of people aged under 18-years-old charged with committing an offence under section 51A in the Sexual Offences Act 2003, as inserted by section 19 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009, that is being a person in a street or public place to solicit another for the purpose of obtaining a sexual service as a prostitute, since April 1 2010;**

11) The age of the youngest person arrested on suspicion of committing an offence under section 51A in the Sexual Offences Act 2003, as inserted by section 19 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009, that is being a person in a street or public place to solicit another for the purpose of obtaining a sexual service as a prostitute, since April 1 2010;

12) The age of the youngest person charged with committing an offence under section 51A in the Sexual Offences Act 2003, as inserted by section 19 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009, that is being a person in a street or public place to solicit another for the purpose of obtaining a sexual service as a prostitute, since April 1 2010;

Please be advised that due to the way in which arrests are recorded on the Custody system used by Nottinghamshire Police we are unable to supply the number of people arrested, on suspicion of committing an offence under section 51A or section 53A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003. This is due to the fact that at the time of arrest the Section of the Act is not routinely recorded.

We are able to provide the number of crimes and detections however, should this be of assistance to you.

Please see below for the answers to your questions in the form of tables, we have answered the questions in a combined format.

**Number of Crimes and Detections for Home Office Offence Code "27" \*\*\***

**Number of Crimes**

Financial Year *	Crimes	
	Soliciting another for the purpose of obtaining their Sexual Services as a prostitute S.51A	Paying or promising to pay a person to provide Sexual Services S.53A
2011/12	72	0
2012/13	28	0
2013 **	45	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>0</b>

\* Data provided is from 01/04/2011 - 31/12/2013 to fit in exactly with the data on your request. Prior to 2011/12 this offence fell into a different Section of the Policing and Crime Act 2009

\*\* 2013 data is from 01/04/2013 - 31/12/2013

**Number of Detections**

<b>Soliciting another for the purpose of obtaining their Sexual Services as a prostitute S.51A</b>				
Financial Year				
<b>Offender Age (Detected) - Years</b>	<b>2011/12</b>	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>Total</b>
16	0	1	0	1
18	1	0	0	1
19	2	0	0	2
20	1	0	2	3
21	0	1	1	2
22	2	2	1	5
23	2	1	3	6
24	3	0	1	4
25	5	1	2	8
26	4	2	0	6
27	2	4	0	6
28	3	0	1	4
29	3	0	2	5
30	5	2	2	9
31	3	3	0	6
32	1	0	1	2
33	1	1	1	3
34	1	3	1	5
35	3	3	0	6
36	4	1	1	6
37	4	0	2	6
39	1	0	1	2
40	1	1	1	3
41	4	2	0	6
42	3	0	0	3
43	0	1	1	2
44	0	0	4	4
45	1	0	1	2
46	1	0	0	1
47	0	1	1	2
48	2	0	0	2
49	0	1	1	2
51	2	2	0	4
52	2	0	0	2
54	1	2	0	3
56	1	0	1	2
57	0	1	0	1
59	1	0	1	2
60	0	1	0	1

61	1	0	0	1
63	1	1	0	2
64	0	0	1	1
65	0	1	0	1
72	1	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>146</b>

Please note as there were no crimes recorded under S.53A there is no information in relation to detections.

**Number of the above where the Offender was Charged**

Offender Age (Detected) - Years	Financial Year		
	2011/12	2012/13	Total
22	1	0	1
24	1	0	1
28	1	0	1
30	2	0	2
31	0	1	1
41	2	0	2
42	1	0	1
45	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>

\*\*\* Home Office Offence code "27" is Soliciting for the Purpose of Prostitution and is made up of Sexual Offences Act 2003 Sec 51A and Sec 14 as per your request

Please Note:- This data has been extracted from a live crime system and may be subject to change  
Source:- Management Information 22.01.2014

**Please Note:** 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?**

If so, prior to lodging a formal complaint, you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the case officer that dealt with your request.

### **Ask to have the decision looked at again**

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision reconsidered is to telephone the case officer that is identified at the end of your decision letter.

That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

### **Formal Independent Review**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision made by Nottinghamshire Police under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, you can request an Independent Review.

Upon receipt for a review of the initial request response, an independent audit officer from Information Management will review the request and assess whether it has been satisfactorily processed in accordance with policy and procedure.

Requests for Independent Reviews requests should be made in writing to-

Force Information Manager  
Nottinghamshire Police  
Force Headquarters  
Sherwood Lodge  
Arnold  
Nottingham  
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The Audit officer will record and communicate his/her decision to the information requester within 20 working days.

### **Appeals**

If the findings of the formal independent review do not meet your approval, you can register an appeal against the decision.

An investigation will then take place by the Freedom of Information officer, which will be reported and presented to the Internal Appeal Board. This will include a full account of the reasoning for or against disclosure and the application of any relevant exemptions.

The Internal Appeal Board will consist of at least a member of the Chief Officer Team, a member of the Legal Team and the Force Information Manager.

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Alternatively E-mail: [Freedomofinformation@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Freedomofinformation@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk)

Or call: 01159672507

**Applications to the Information Commissioner**

If you then remain dissatisfied, you may make an application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make an application to the Information Commissioner, please visit their website at [www.informationcommisioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommisioner.gov.uk)

Alternatively, Write to:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Or call: 01625 545700.