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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 15/01/2016.

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:-

***I am interested in obtaining comparative data on the number of actual firearms officers - excluding those only trained in the use of Tasers - deployed across each police force in the UK annually over a specified historical period, as well as comparable data on the number of officers more generally trained to use firearms across each police force in the UK.***

***I appreciate that the issue of police use of firearms, or their potential use, can be a sensitive subject. However, I am only interested in entirely anonymised data in respect of this request and I do not wish to receive any personal information or information sensitive to any particular police investigation or response plan - during the course of this request.***

***Freedom of Information request***

***I am interested in four basic and anonymous data sets. With this in mind, I would like to receive the following-***

**a) The number of incidents of firearms use (excluding those only involving Tasers) by officers across your police force for each of the past eight years (that is, since and including 2007/08).**

We are only able to provide data from as far back as 2009.

**The number of Firearms incidents where ‘use’ (not including Taser or CS Gas) of a firearm took place:**

2009: 0  
2010: 0  
2011: 1  
2012: 0  
2013: 0  
2014: 2  
2015: 0

**b) The number of firearms officers (excluding those only trained on Tasers) actually deployed across your police force for each of the past eight years (since and including 2007/08)**

We are only able to provide data from as far back as 2009.

2009: 84  
2010: 94  
2011: 87  
2012: Data not known  
2013: 82  
2014: 50  
2015: 46\* (214)

\* 2015 saw the regionalisation of the Operational Support Services, with Nottinghamshire Police becoming a part of East Midlands Operational Support Services (EMOpSS) and sharing Armed Response support with Lincolnshire, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire Police Forces. Across EMOpSS there are 214 officers deployed in the role of Armed Response.

**c) The number of firearms officers trained to use firearms (excluding those only trained to use Tasers) across your police force for each of the past eight years (since and including 2007/08).**

We are only able to provide data from as far back as 2009.

2009: 90  
2010: 101  
2011: 93  
2012: Data not known  
2013: 88  
2014: 56

2015: 52\* (249)

\* 2015 saw the regionalisation of the Operational Support Services, with Nottinghamshire Police becoming a part of East Midlands Operational Support Services (EMOpSS) and sharing Armed Response support with Lincolnshire, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire Police Forces. Across EMOpSS there are 249 officers trained in the use of Firearms.

***d) Information, should it exist, on any official figures for the number of trained firearms officers that your police force would like to achieve (excluding Taser-only training) in the future.***

No information held.

### **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)