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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 16/01/2014.

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:-

- 1. How many Restorative Interventions/Community Resolutions has your force recorded for young people (under 18) in 2012-13 and year to date 2013-14?**
- 2. For each year, please provide a breakdown of the crimes for which the Restorative Interventions/Community Resolutions were recorded ie 12 criminal damage, 24 theft.**

This information is not recorded in an easily retrievable format. When a crime is recorded and a charge or disposal/detection is obtained in relation to that offence, only the most serious disposal is recorded against the crime. If a crime involves more than one offender and all receive different disposals (for example, if there are four offenders in relation to an offence – one is charged with the offence, two are given cautions and one is dealt with by means of community resolution), the crime will be recorded as 'charge' as that is the most serious disposal. Therefore, in order to state how many offenders had been dealt with by means of Restorative Intervention/Community Resolution had been given by Nottinghamshire Police, we would have to manually search

each crime where a detection had been recorded to ascertain how many individuals within those recorded crimes had been dealt with by such means.

Nottinghamshire Police have recorded 65,531 crimes as detected in 2013 alone. Each of these records would be required to be searched to ascertain whether a community resolution/restorative intervention had been involved in the disposal.

When searching for number of crimes where community resolution/restorative intervention had been the only disposal recorded this figure was reduced to 7669. This figure would not be indicative of the total number of Community Resolutions/Restorative Interventions used only the number of crimes where these methods were the only disposal used. However, this figure was known to include duplicate and blank records which would each be required to be searched manually to be excluded from the final figures. Each record would then be required to be searched to ascertain which disposals involved individuals aged under 18 years of age. It is estimated that to search one record to extract the requested information would take around 3/5 minutes. This would amount to 383.45 working hours (at the more conservative estimate of 3 minutes per record). This would exceed 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 – although given the number of records which would be required to be searched and the way in which crime disposals are recorded, I am unable to suggest a refinement which would bring your request within the cost threshold.

In line with the Act, once one part of your request exceeds the cost threshold, we are not obliged to answer any other part of your request. In the spirit of the Act but outside of it, I am happy to provide you with the information relating to your request which was able to be retrieved within cost threshold.

3. *In total how many young people have been arrested by your force in 2012-13 and year to date 2013-14?*

4. *And how many young people have been charged with offences by your force over the same period, ie not dealt with by way of Restorative Interventions/Community Resolutions?*

Number of people Arrested aged 17 & under in the Time Period shown below		
Financial Year	No. of Young people Arrested *	No. of Young people Charged ** with an Offence
2012-13	2555	793
2013 ***	1668	466
Total	4223	1259

* Total number of people arrested aged 17 and under

** Number of people Charged includes the following

Charged and Bailed to Court

Charged and Detained for Court

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

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

Source:- Management Information 28.01.2014

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 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;
- Are still waiting for a response and are unhappy with the delay.

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 Officer 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