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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 23/01/2014.

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.

How many personnel currently employed by your police force are qualified to undertake forensic audits of economic crimes?

Clarification Received:

In essence, what we would like to establish is how many personnel do you employ that are qualified or trained to undertake detailed audits of economic or 'white collar' crimes, such as fraud and embezzlement for instance, whose findings are deemed to be of a sufficient standard or professionalism to be accepted as evidence in court.

Please see overleaf for the answer to your question.

All officers in the Force are trained to investigate crime and this includes Fraud. Fraud can be relatively simple to investigate in some cases but in others it can be complex, lengthy and require specialist knowledge.

Nottinghamshire Police have a specialist Fraud Department to undertake the more complex investigations. These investigations are supported by Force analysts where necessary and if there is a specific need we will outsource forensic accounting services. The Department is 10 strong.

In addition to that the Force has seventeen accredited Financial Investigators whose role includes detailed investigation of monetary aspects of crime and money laundering.

All those roles listed are competent at providing evidence at court.

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