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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 03/02/2016.

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.

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.

How many times over the last three years, broken down by year, has a taser been used on a child under the age of 18? Please give an age breakdown and include details of the circumstances where possible?

2013

Four incidents in 2013:

1. 18/02/2013 - subject age 16 (Red Dotted) - person armed with a bladed article/weapon
2. 19/05/2013 – subject age 17 (Red Dotted) - person armed with a bladed article/weapon
3. 18/07/2013 - subject age 16 (Red Dotted) – person armed with a bladed article/weapon

4. 05/09/2013 - subject age 17 (Taser Drawn) – person running from stolen vehicle.

2014

Two incidents in 2014:

1. 03/03/2014 - subject age 17 (Red Dotted) – believed to be armed with a bladed article/weapon
2. 28/10/2014 - subject age 17 (Red Dotted) – person armed with a bladed article/weapon

2015

Three incidents in 2015:

1. 08/03/2015 - subject age 15 (Red Dotted) - person armed with a bladed article/weapon
2. 05/07/2015 - subject age 17 (Taser drawn) – person armed with a blunt instrument
3. 08/07/2015 - subject age 17 (Red Dotted) – person armed with a blunt instrument

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