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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 10/02/2014.

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.

Total number of reported thefts of the following items in your jurisdiction, broken down by year over the last five years.

Please complete this in as much detail as possible within the free FOI time limit as per the bullet points below.

- **PCs (Personal computers)**
- **Mobile Phones (models if possible - e.g. BlackBerry, iphone)**
- **Kindles**
- **Tablet Computers (also known as iPads)**

This information is not recorded in an easily retrievable format. To locate, retrieve and extract the requested information requires a manual search of all records held in relation to theft as the crime recording system used by Nottinghamshire Police does not have a searchable field for items stolen.

Each record relating to theft would need to be interrogated individually in order to identify if the incident involved the theft of any items relevant to your request and extract the information. An initial search revealed a total of 90894 records over the 5 year period.

We estimate that to read each record it would take approximately 3 minutes per record which would equate to approximately 4545 working hours (for 5 years worth of records). This takes the request over 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 – perhaps by reducing the number of years you require data for, and resubmitting the request. Due to the large numbers I am unable to suggest a refinement that would bring the request within the cost threshold.

In the spirit of the Act, but outside, please find below some information that we were able to extract in relation to thefts should it be of use to you.

Please be advised that due to the way such searches are conducted the figures will include any items with a property type of 'Computer' or 'Telephone' meaning it will include accessories to such; chargers, cases, USB sticks etc.

**Number of Thefts of Computers and Telephones
in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 & 2013**

Year	Theft of Computers *	Telephones **
2009	857	3667
2010	601	3286
2011	560	2792
2012	456	3213
2013	523	2915
Total	2997	15873

* Data provided is where the Property Type Desc. equals Computer

** Data provided is where the Property Type Desc. equals Telephone. This includes Mobiles

Please Note:- This data has been extracted from a live system and may be subject to change
Source:- Management Information 25.02.2014

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 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