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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 12/03/2015.

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.

AMENDMENT:

I should like to AMEND the request for information I sent to you on 12 March 2015.

I should like to request the following information:

- 1. The address and postcode of land and property
- a) bought with the proceeds of crime
- b) investigated over allegations it had been bought with the proceeds of crime
- 2. The names and jurisdictions of overseas companies which held said land and property (where applicable).

My time frame is 2005 up until the date my request is answered.



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. This information is not held in one central location centrally and could potentially be located across more than one department and both over a number of systems and in paper format. In order to seek to extract this information it would be necessary to access and read all investigative logs and evidential statements. The investigative logs / statements vary greatly in length and can relate to investigations that took several years to complete. In addition, the assertions made within the statements may be disputed at court, which would result in additional examination of material.

There are approximately 790 investigations currently being undertaken within Nottinghamshire Police. We estimate that this would increase exponentially over the time period requested.

We are unable to provide an approximated assessment of how long it would take to retrieve and examine each record due to the sheer volume. Some enquiries can be completed in a day, some in weeks, some in months and some over the course of years. As such enquiry logs vary greatly and it is not possible to provide an indication of the amount of time required to access the data from each record.

Therefore the work necessary to identify any of requested information held in the last ten years would certainly exceed 18 working hours.

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. However, due to the large numbers I am unable to suggest a refinement that would bring the request within the cost threshold.

In accordance with the Act, once one part of the request is excess cost the whole request exceeds the cost threshold.

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 <u>freedomofinformation@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk</u>

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