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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 16/03/2015.

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:-

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am seeking the following pieces of information in relation to the use of the Malicious Communications Act 1988, the Communications Act 2003 and the Protection from Harassment Act 1997.

In your constabulary, relating to these acts, I would like to know how many members of the public have either been charged or cautioned by the police between January 2012 and January 2015.

I would like this information on a year-by-year basis. In addition, I would like it to be separated into the three different forms of UK legislation. For example:

- (1) Malicious Communications Act 1988: X***
- (2) Communications Act 2003: Y***
- (3) Protection from Harassment Act 1997: Z***



Lastly, I would also like the information to separate how many members of the public were arrested (Amended on 18/03/2015 to read charged) and how many were only cautioned.

Number of people who committed Crimes under the Malicious Communication Act *, Communications Act, & Protections from Harassment Act who were Charged or Cautioned from 01/01/2012 up to 31/03/2015

No. of Detected Crimes where people were Charged or Cautioned

Year	Communications Act 2003	Protection from Harassment Act 1997
2012	0	216
2013	0	227
2014	0	221
2015 **	0	59
Total	0	723

*Offences under the Malicious Communications Act 1988 are not Home Office recordable

** 2015 consists of January, February and March only

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

Source:- Performance and Insight 10.04.2015

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;

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