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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 17/03/2014.

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.

**In April 2012 Home Office circular 011/2012 introduced new guidelines for "Testing police officers for substance misuse".**

**ACPO's subsequent December 2012 Guidelines on Substance Misuse and Testing section 11.3.1 requires UK police forces to maintain records on the following information on drug and alcohol tests:**

- \*The number of tests conducted and results;**
- \*The type of test conducted;**
- \*The reason for the test;**
- \*The job title of the participants;**
- \*The gender of the participants**

**Please provide me (by email) with the information you hold based on drug and alcohol tests on officers carried out since the introduction of the new Home Office guidelines in April 2012.**

**Please also tell me what action was taken against any officers who failed a drug or alcohol test, i.e. were they suspended, sacked, disciplined, given written or verbal warnings?**

**If there are concerns that providing certain information might inadvertently lead to identifying a participant, please provide as much information you can that will not lead to the identification of the participant (e.g. rank rather than job title).**

**Number of tests conducted in November 2013**

**Drug Tests**

The number of **drug** tests conducted: 7

Results: All negative

Type of Test Conducted: Urine

Reason for Test: Random

Rank:

Detective Superintendent  
Detective Chief Inspector  
Detective Sergeant x 2  
Detective Constable x 3

Gender: Female x 5  
Male x 2

**Alcohol Tests**

The number of **alcohol** tests conducted: 7

Results: All negative

Type of Test Conducted: Breath

Reason for Test: Random

Rank:

Detective Superintendent  
Detective Chief Inspector  
Detective Sergeant x 2  
Detective Constable x 3

Gender: Female x 5  
Male x 2

Please be advised that you may also find a previous Freedom of Information disclosure made on this topic useful. This can be found on our Force website at the address below:

<http://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/sites/default/files/documents/files/FOI%20009168%2013.pdf>

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)