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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.

1. Please provide figures for the number of police dogs the force employed on 1st January 2009, and for the same date in each year up to 2014. If you do not have figures for this date, then please provide them for the nearest available date.

Please see overleaf for the answer to your question in the form of a table.

Year	Number of Dogs	Number of Dog Handlers
2009	33	21
2010	34	24
2011	31	22
2012	27	19
2013	29	17
2014	24	13

2. For the same dates, please provide figures for the number of dog handlers employed by the force. Please provide these figures by:

- a) Full Time Equivalent posts
- b) Headcount

Please see below for the answer to this question and question 4, in the form of a table.

Headcount & Full Time Equivalent of Dog Handlers and Mounted Officers

	2009		2010		2011	
	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE
Dogs	26	26	31	31	29	29
Mounted	6	5.8	6	5.8	6	5.8

	2012		2013		2014	
	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE
Dogs	23	23	18	18	14	14
Mounted	5	4.8	-	-	-	-

This information is based on substantive posts as is correct as at 8th April 2014
Please the Mounted Section was disbanded in September 2012

3. If your force has a mounted branch, how many police horses did the force employ on 1st January 2009, and for the same date in each year up to 2014. If you do not have figures for this date, then please provide them for the nearest available date.

In relation to the above question our Mounted Section was disbanded in 2012. Therefore we are still making enquiries as to if this information is recorded at this time. Please be advised we will forward any information to you as swiftly as possible once we have ascertained if this is held.

4. For the same dates please provide figures for the number of mounted unit police employed by the force. Please provide the figures by:

- a) Full Time Equivalent posts
- b) Headcount

Please see question 2 above for the answer to this question.

5. For each of the financial years from 1st April 2009 to the current year ending 31st March 2014, please provide figures for the number of police dogs that have been retired. Please provide a breakdown by year.

Please see overleaf for the answer to Questions 5 and 6

6. For the dogs that have been retired please provide a breakdown of how many are:

- a) Re-deployed to another force or public body
- b) Rehomed
- c) Put down

Please see below for the answers to Questions 5 and 6.

Year	Retired to Handler	Re-handled in Force	Re-deployed	Re-Homed	Put Down
2009	1	0	0	1	0
2010	4	2	0	0	0
2011	4	0	0	2	0
2012	2	1	1	0	0
2013	3	1	1	1	0
2014	1	0	0	0	0

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