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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 20/05/2014.

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.

- 1a) ***How many thefts have been reported, in each of the last five years, from buried fuel pipelines (petrol/diesel) in your force's area?***
- 1b) ***How many attempted thefts have been reported, in each of the last five years, from buried fuel pipelines (petrol/diesel) in your forces area?***
- 2) ***How many individuals have been arrested, in each of the last five years, on suspicion of conspiracy to steal fuel?***
- 3) ***Of those arrests listed in question 2, how many convictions have been made?***

This information is not recorded in an easily retrievable format. To locate, retrieve and extract the requested information requires a manual search of records held on the Crime Recording Management System, (CRMS), recorded under the heading of 'Theft'. The records would then have to be sorted eliminate those not involving fuel.

An initial search revealed a total of 1794 records over a 1 year period that met the above criteria. Therefore assuming the other years data were similar this would be in excess of 8970 crimes.

It is estimated that to review a crime to ensure that it met the criteria would take approx 3 minutes, therefore it would take approximately 448 hours to review every such crime.

We would also have to search other systems to determine information regarding arrested persons and cross reference these against court records to determine results of convictions. It is not possible at this time to estimate the time taken in doing this.

This takes the request over the cost threshold of 18 working hours and engages Section 12 (1) of the Act.

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 time period you require data for, and resubmitting the request. Due to the large number of records I am unable to suggest a way of revising your request to bring it under the cost threshold.

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

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