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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 15/06/2015.

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 some of the information you have requested.

I'd like to put in a freedom of information request on behalf of the BBC.

Can you tell me how many firearms incidents have been investigated by Nottinghamshire police this year to date (1st January 2015 onwards)?

Could you also let me know how many were dealt with in 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, and as far back as the last 10 years where possible?

Please see overleaf for the response to the above question in the form of a table.

Number of Firearms Crimes

Financial Year	Total
2008/09	226
2009/10	169
2010/11	129
2011/12	119
2012/13	119
2013/14	109
2014/15	78
2015/16	19

* This data has been extracted from our Gun Crime Compilation. This report is produced by Financial Year only.

** We are only able to provide data from 2008-09 up to and including 15th June 2015

Source-: Performance & Insight 30/06/2015

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

Please Note: 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.**

Can you also tell me how many firearms licenses there currently are in Nottinghamshire?

Total number of firearms licences currently held in Nottinghamshire is 10818.

Could you also let me know how many licenses were issued in 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, and as far back as the last 10 years where possible?

Under S 21 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), Nottinghamshire Police as a public authority is not required to disclose information which is reasonably accessible by other means.

The information requested in your above question is reasonably accessible by other means under:

21. – (1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1) –

- a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and
- b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2) b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority's publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.

With regard to your request the information you require can be found on the Home Office website within their statistics section and published after the end of each financial year.

Please see the below link.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/firearm-certificates-in-england-and-wales>

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