

Our Ref: 003960/15

Your Ref: Theft of Game Consoles



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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 17/06/2015.

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Nottinghamshire Police to locate the information you require.

Please find below answers to your questions:-

I would like to know the following under the Freedom of Information Act.

- ***Total number of reported thefts of games consoles in your jurisdiction over the last three years***
- ***Please break the information down yearly***
- ***Please provide detail on the make and if possible the model (e.g 3,500 PlayStation 4s stolen)***

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.

This information is not recorded in an easily retrievable format. Stolen property can be recorded in a variety of ways within our crime recording systems. If the stolen item is one where the description would render it easily identifiable this should be recorded as an individual entry within the property field of the crime. If an item is recovered the crime recording system can search this field to bring up matching items.

There are a number of general heading under which stolen property can be recorded but Games consoles is not one of them.

If a stolen item is recovered before the crime is recorded or if the description of the item is very vague the item could be recorded within the MO field, on a working sheet within the crime or as an attachment. Attachments are often used where there are long lists of items of stolen property.

To count all reports of thefts involving game consoles we would have to check each crime involving theft.

To locate, retrieve and extract the requested information requires an individual search of all crime records involving a theft. An initial search revealed a total of 36,493 records over a one year period. We estimate that the three year period would equate to over 100,000 records.

A sample search took around 3 minutes for one record which would equate to approximately 5000 working hours. This takes the request over the cost threshold of 18 working hours and engages Section 12 (1) of the Act.

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

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 – However I am unable to suggest any way this could be done.

In accordance with the Act, once one part of the request is excess cost the whole request exceeds the cost threshold.

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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