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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 01/07/2014.

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.

**Details of hate crimes against disabled people since 1 January 2007.  
Please provide:**

- **Yearly breakdowns of the number of hate crimes recorded against disabled people from 1 January 2007 up until the date this request was received.**
- **Details of the nature of each crime (i.e. type of behaviour)**
- **If possible, details on whether or not each crime led to prosecution/conviction.**

**For reference, I define hate crime as per the government's official definition as being any crime "that is motivated by hostility towards someone based on his or her disability, race, religion, gender identity or sexual orientation".**



And I define disability "a physical or mental impairment that has a 'substantial' and 'long-term' negative effect on someone's ability to do normal daily activities."

Please see below for the answer to your question in the form of tables.

**Number of Disability Hate Crimes from 01/01/2007 to 02/07/2014 by Year**

Home Office Crime Tree Categories	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014*
Criminal Damage and Arson	9	8	11	4	9	5	2	2
Fraud Offences to 2012/13	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Public Order Offences	1	12	15	4	8	4	2	3
Robbery	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	0
Sexual Offences	2	2	1	1	1	5	2	2
Theft Offences	5	6	5	3	5	6	8	5
Violence Against the Person	32	17	22	17	15	7	15	10
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>22</b>

**Police Outcome of those Disability Hate Crimes shown above from 01/01/2007 to 02/07/2014\*\***

Police Outcome	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014*
Adult Caution	5	0	4	1	1	0	2	0
Charge	4	1	2	5	7	5	3	3
Charge Asbo	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Community Resolution	0	0	0	0	2	4	2	2
Final Warning	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Penalty Notice For Crime	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reprimand	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Summons	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tic Previously Recorded	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Undetected	38	43	49	24	32	20	23	17
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>22</b>

\* 2014 Date range 01/01/2014 to 02/07/2014

\*\* This is the date of the incident not the date of the Outcome which may fall into another year

Please note this information is taken from a live crime system and maybe subject to change

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Please be advised that we are unable to state whether a prosecution/conviction was achieved at Court as we do not routinely record this on our Crime Management System. To ascertain if each crime led to a prosecution/conviction of this nature we would need to view each crime report separately and extract any relevant information and then cross reference that

with other systems such as the Police National Computer to ascertain charging decisions. Based on the figures above we would need to search and cross reference 308 records over the seven and a half year period and we estimate it would take approximately 10 minutes per report to read and extract any information relevant to your request which would equate to approximately 51 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.

In accordance with the Act, once one part of the request is excess cost the whole request exceeds the cost threshold. However in the spirit of the Act, but outside of it, we have provided the information above that we were already able to retrieve.

**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.**

### **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)