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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 07/07/2014.

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.

**Please may I make a slight amendment to the questions below please, and for all questions requiring figures, can I ask for statistics for the last five years from 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 please?**

**Just to clarify this is referring to questions 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14 and 15.**

**1. How many operational dog handlers does your force currently have active?**

2008 - 25

2009 - 21

2010 - 24

2011 - 22

2012 - 19

2013 - 17

2014 - 13



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**2. What is the total cost to your force per annum of a specialist detection dog handler (explosives/drugs/weapons/cash)?**

The total cost to the Force per annum for a specialist detection dog handler would be approximately £53,000 for an Officer at the top of their scale.

**3. What disciplines do these cover (GP, explosives / drugs / weapons / cash)?**

GP / Firearms Support / Drugs (reactive) Detection / Drugs (Passive) Detection / Explosives Detection / Firearms Detection / Victim Recovery ('Cadaver') (Body).

**4. How many drugs searches requiring drugs search dog support were carried out in 2013?**

Information not held

**5. How many explosives searches requiring explosives detection dog support were carried out in 2013?**

18 explosive searches carried out in 2013, 0 so far in 2014. Nottinghamshire Police do not hold data for this prior to 2013.

**6. How many weapons searches requiring weapons detection dog support were carried out in 2013?**

Information not held

**7. What is your force's total spend on kennelling police dogs in public sector kennels?**

Kennelling of police dogs in public sector kennels, £68,272 Per Annum

**8. What is your force's total spend on kennelling police dogs in private sector kennels?**

Police dogs are not kennelled in private facilities

**9. What is your force's total spend on kennelling seized dogs?**

2012/2013 - £57,910.99

2013/2014 - £72,477.60

Year to Date - £13,223.01

Please be advised that we are currently awaiting information from another to department to ascertain if any data is held prior to 2013 in relation to this.

**10. How much does your force spend per seized dog on average?**

The Force spends between £10-£12 per day for the kennelling of seized dogs.

**11. What is the process for keeping a seized dog?**

If a dog is seized by Nottinghamshire Police, it is housed at one of a number of private and confidential boarding kennels, all of which are governed by the boarding kennels act, where they are looked after and receive regular medical checks by a vet to ensure their health and wellbeing, ensuring we comply with the Animal Welfare Act.

**12. How long is a seized dog kept under the care of a police force?**

A dog remains with Nottinghamshire Police until the case has been to court and a decision has been made on what will happen to the animal, or the dog is signed over to the police by the owner.

**13. Under what circumstances is a seized dog destroyed?**

A seized dog will be destroyed on the instruction of the courts, or if the dog is signed over to the police or has been abandoned and it falls within the list of banned dogs outlined by the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 or is so dangerous that it could not be re-homed.

**14. What is your forces total spend on outsourcing specialist dog teams from other public sector organisations?**

Nil

**15. What is your forces total spend on outsourcing specialist dog teams from private organisations?**

Nil

**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)