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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 9 May 2013.

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.

We would like to submit the following FOI request -

In 2012 (Jan - Dec inclusive) how many hate crimes towards Gypsies and Travellers were reported to your force?

In 2012 (Jan - Dec inclusive) how many hate incidents towards Gypsies and Travellers were reported to your force?

In 2012 (Jan - Dec inclusive) how many racist incidents were reported to your force?

In 2012 (Jan - Dec inclusive) how many race related crimes were reported to your force?

Number of Hate Crimes/Incidents towards Gypsies and Travellers and the Number of all Race Related Crimes/Incidents in 2012

Question	No. of Crimes/Incidents
Number of hate crimes towards Gypsies and Travellers	2
Number of hate incidents towards Gypsies and Travellers	5
Number of racist hate incidents recorded	512
Number of racist hate crimes recorded	520

Hate crimes/incidents against Gypsies and Travellers were identified by searching the MO notes for words 'Gypsy' and 'Traveller'

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

Source-: Management Information 17.05.2013

Please be advised that one incident may lead to multiple offences being recorded. Also, a hate crime can be recorded against an incident which has not been reported as a hate incident. This would account for the slightly higher number of hate crimes than hate incidents recorded.

Do you currently do any targeted work to tackle hate crimes or incidents against the Gypsy and Traveller communities?

Hate crimes which include members of the gypsy and traveller communities are dealt with through our Hate Crime policy and procedures. Nottinghamshire Police describe Hate Crime as "any incident which may or may not constitute a criminal offence, which is perceived by the victim or any other person, as being motivated by prejudice or hate". More information regarding the Nottinghamshire Police Hate Crime Procedure can be found via the following link:

http://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/uploads/library/587/Hate_Crime.pdf

We do not have specific liaison in relation to travellers this is dealt with by the Neighbourhood beat teams who work with the traveller communities.

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?

If so, prior to lodging a formal complaint, you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the case officer that dealt with your request.

Ask to have the decision looked at again

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision reconsidered is to telephone the case officer that is identified at the end of your decision letter.

That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

Formal Independent Review

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision made by Nottinghamshire Police under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, you can request an Independent Review.

Upon receipt for a review of the initial request response, an independent audit officer from Information Management will review the request and assess whether it has been satisfactorily processed in accordance with policy and procedure.

Requests for Independent Reviews requests should be made in writing to-

Force Information Manager
Nottinghamshire Police
Force Headquarters
Sherwood Lodge
Arnold
Nottingham
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The Audit officer will record and communicate his/her decision to the information requester within 20 working days.

Appeals

If the findings of the formal independent review do not meet your approval, you can register an appeal against the decision.

An investigation will then take place by the Freedom of Information officer, which will be reported and presented to the Internal Appeal Board. This will include a full account of the reasoning for or against disclosure and the application of any relevant exemptions.

The Internal Appeal Board will consist of at least a member of the Chief Officer Team, a member of the Legal Team and the Force Information Manager.

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Alternatively E-mail: Freedomofinformation@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

Or call: 01159672507

Applications to the Information Commissioner

If you then remain dissatisfied, you may make an application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make an application to the Information Commissioner, please visit their website at www.informationcommisioner.gov.uk

Alternatively, Write to:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Or call: 01625 545700.