

Our Ref: 004437/15



Freedom of Information Section
Nottinghamshire Police HQ
Sherwood Lodge, Arnold
Nottingham NG5 8PP

Tel: 101
Ext 800 2507
Fax: 0115 967 2896

23 July 2015

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 06/07/2015.

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

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 find below answers to your questions:-

I am writing to request the following information:

1) For the financial years 2014-15, 2013-14, 2012-13, 2011-12, 2010-11 how many instances of the following hate crimes were recorded on the basis of:

- a) Race***
- b) Religion***
- c) Sexual orientation***
- d) Transgender***
- e) Disability***

Please see the below table of results:

No. of Hate crimes*

<u>Hate crime category</u>	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Disability	95	100	91	115	139
Race	1217	1083	1025	1162	1206
Religion	51	30	30	58	47
Sexual Orientation	163	172	141	156	168
Transgender	4	1	6	3	9

*Offences linked to more than one hate crime strand are recorded alongside each relevant strand.

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

Source:- Performance & Insight 16/07/2015

2) For the above financial years how many arrests and how many convictions were made for the following hate crimes on the basis of:

- a) Race**
- b) Religion**
- c) Sexual orientation**
- d) Transgender**
- e) Disability**

If the data is recorded in calendar years, I'm happy for it to be in that format instead.

If you think going that far back will go over the cost threshold, I am happy for the data to only go as far back as it would allow (three years for instance).

I would like the data in electronic form in either a Word Excel spreadsheet or Google spreadsheet format. I do not want it in PDF format.

If you didn't/don't record sexual orientation and transgender crimes separately I am happy for the one overall figure but please make that clear to me in your responding email.

This information is not recorded in an easily retrievable manner. Crime records are closed at the point that a charge or other type of out of Court disposal is reached. If an individual is then prosecuted and convicted at Court, a record of that conviction will be held on the individuals Police National Computer (PNC) record. Therefore to establish how many of the recorded crimes had led to a prosecution and subsequent conviction would entail reviewing every crime record to establish the details of any individual(s) who had been prosecuted and to cross reference these details against the individuals' PNC record to ascertain whether a conviction had been received.

Initial searches revealed that 1866 individuals had been charged in relation to the above recorded offences.

It is estimated that to search one record and conduct the necessary cross reference checks against PNC would take approximately 5-7 minutes. This would equate to approximately 155.5 working hours (fat the more conservative estimate of 5 minutes per record). 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 – perhaps by reducing the number of years you require data for, and resubmitting the request.

In the spirit of the Act but outside of it I am happy to be able to provide you with information recorded as to individuals charged with Hate Crime Offences broken down by Hate Crime Category as below:

No. of people charged **

Hate crime category	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Disability	11	9	6	12	5
Race	329	347	316	298	328
Religion	10	8	6	9	10
Sexual Orientation	32	36	28	31	33
Transgender	1	0	0	1	0

** Charged consists of Charge and Charge ASBO

Please Note-: This data has been extracted from a live system and may be subject to change
Source-: Performance & Insight 16/07/2015

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.

Copyright

Nottinghamshire Police in complying with their statutory duty under Sections 1 and 11 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) to release the enclosed information will not breach the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988. However, the rights of the copyright owner of the enclosed information will continue to be protected by law. Applications for the copyright owner's written permission to reproduce any part of the attached information should be addressed to the Force Solicitor, Nottinghamshire Police, Force Headquarters, Sherwood Lodge, Arnold, Nottinghamshire, NG5 8PP.

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