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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 09/07/2015.

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

Please find below answers to your questions:-

RESPONSE

Under S 1 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), I can confirm that Nottinghamshire Police does hold some of the information you have requested.

A record of police attendance at the home of Tom and Sue Crawford on July 2, 2015 is already in the public domain. In this connection, and under the Freedom of Information Act legislation, please advise:

(1) whether or not police were hired and paid for under SPECIAL SERVICES to attend the July 2, 2015 home eviction of Tom and Sue Crawford of 3, Fearn Chase Carlton Nottingham NG4 1DN.

No, the Police presence at this event was not paid for by any corporation or business entity.

(2) if so, or if they were paid under any other classification, please advise who hired them, and the amount of remuneration paid to or owing to the force for their attendance at the above event;

N/A as above.

(3) please confirm whether or not the contractor for their services was UK Asset Resolution, HM Treasury, or whom (advise the name of the contracting entity);

N/A as above.

(4) if no remuneration was paid to the police force from an external entity for sending members to attend the eviction, please confirm that the taxpayer paid for their time;

Nottinghamshire Police attended in their daily duty to keep the Queen's peace and facilitate peaceful process, and were paid for as per normal policing duties out of Nottinghamshire Police's normal policing budget.

(5) please advise the number of officers who attended, their ranks, and the number of hours attended by each;

It is recorded in the Operational Order that there were 129 Officers to be involved during the course of the Operation. The Operational Order shows that the ranks of the Officers listed were 5 Inspectors, 14 Sergeants, 93 PC's, 12 PCSOs and 5 Police Staff. However not all of these Officers may have deployed. There were between 20 – 50 Officers on the scene at any one time. Two Chief Inspectors managed the process.

In relation to the number of hours attended by each, we do not quantify Officer time spent, any Officers that attended did so in the course of their normal policing duty. No information held.

(6) please indicate the hourly wage paid to or owed to each officer;

In relation to each Officers hourly wage this information is not held in an easily retrievable format. To locate, retrieve and extract the requested information requires a manual search of records held for each individual Officer. As well as being paid by Rank, Officers are also paid depending on where they are on the pay scale for their rank. This would mean needing to search the pay records for each individual Officer above and extracting the relevant data. In relation to any monies owed this would require an individual search per Officer to ascertain if any overtime had been worked for the month and if they had already been paid or not. As above there are 129 Individuals and we estimate that it would take approx. 10-15 minutes per record to search.

We estimate that at the most conservative of 10 minutes it would equate to approximately 21.5 working hours for 129 individuals. 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.

Due to the large numbers I am unable to suggest a refinement that would bring the request within the cost threshold.

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, please be advised that we have still provided the responses to your other questions which we were able to retrieve the data for.

(7) please advise the number of crime reports and or police emergencies logged on July 2, 2015

Based on a search conducted for calls between 00:00hrs 02/07/2015 and 23:59hrs 02/07/2015 we have returned 1074 incidents reported for this period.

(8) confirm that the event was dubbed OPERATION HOOPER, and advise the origin of the name

The operation was named Operation Whooper. Operation names are taken from lists, generated at random, depending on which department creates the operational plan or responds to an incident. Different operations have different names to distinguish between various events.

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