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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 10/07/2015.

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 the information you have requested.

**1. In each year 2012, 2013 and 2014 how many Special Constables volunteered for your constabulary?**

Information not held.

**2. In each year 2012, 2013 and 2014 how many Special Constables were recruited for your constabulary?**

31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 – 357

31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 – 381

31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 - 319

**3. How many Special Constables volunteer at the present time - up to 30 June 2015?**

252

**4. In each year 2012, 2013 and 2014 how many Special Constables resigned or were removed from the scheme?**

31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 – 37

31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 – 117

31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 - 129

**5. What have been the main reasons given by Special Constables for leaving the scheme?**

The main reason for Special Constables leaving is voluntary resignation – other job. A small number left to become a Police Officers.

**6. In each year 2012, 2013 and 2014 how many follow up/ refresher training events were run which Special Constables could attend?**

On average we held 4 sessions per month per year over this period.

**7. In each year 2012, 2013 and 2014 what percentage of the total number of active Special Constables in your county attended follow up/refresher training events?**

On average 75% of active specials attended sessions.

**8. What has the cost of running the Special Constabulary scheme been in each year 2012, 2013 and 2014?**

There is a cost centre for Specials, which is all I'm able to locate for their expenses and is for financial (April to March) not calendar years.

2011/12 - £41k

2012/13 - £181k

2013/14 - £76k

2014/15 - £145k

Please Note: It cannot be guaranteed that these costs are **solely** Specials related without going through every transaction and trying to identify what the expense related to. There may also be some related costs that have been coded to other cost centres which would be very hard to establish.

**9. How many Special Constables are predicted to be recruited between 1 July 2015 and 31 December 2018?**

45 this year to get to a total of 300 and then estimated to stay at 300 for future years. Nottinghamshire Police are looking to retain an active number of 300 specials year on year, and as such the numbers to be recruited will vary.

**10. What is the predicted cost of running the Special Constabulary scheme between 1 July 2015 and 31 December 2018?**

2015/16 - £136k (budget). No information held in relation to the other years.

**11. Is there any scope to increase the powers of Special Constables between 30th June and 31st December 2018? If so, what powers will be added?**

No information held.

**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;

### **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 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)

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