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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 22 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:-

***Please may I have the details of the 10 most expensive police investigations in Notts over the past three years. By this I mean in the past three years what are the ten most expensive investigations overall, not per year. Can I have the details of each case, what the police were investigating from when until when, breakdown of costs i.e. how many police involved, how many police hours used up, how many miles covered, any extra expensive resources used.***

**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.

This information is not recorded in an easily retrievable format. Information regarding individual operations is not usually collated in terms of gross financial expense. It may be possible to obtain figures in respect of the most expensive investigations in terms of the overtime worked, however, this would fail to account for the most significant portions of the expense involved which would be normal duty time worked. There is no method by which we would be able to retrieve information in respect of duty time spent on individual investigations unless we conduct manual searches of individual officer's

duties over multiple departments across multiple years. This would certainly exceed 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 limiting your request to cost of investigations in terms of overtime worked, although I cannot guarantee that this would not also fall outside of the cost threshold.

### **Complaints Rights**

Your attention is drawn to the enclosed review procedure, which details your right of complaint.

### **Copyright**

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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?**

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  
NG5 8PP

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](mailto: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](http://www.informationcommisioner.gov.uk)

Alternatively, Write to:

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

Or call: 01625 545700.