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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 03/08/2015.

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.

**Can you please provide me with the following information regarding your Special Constabulary:**

**1. How many Special Constabulary officers were registered with your Force as at 01.08.2015?**

251 Special Constabulary officers were registered with Nottinghamshire Police.

**2. What was the attrition rate from your Special Constabulary for the last recorded 12 month period (Please define how many left the specials to join the regulars)?**

78 (13 Specials left to join Regulars)

**3. What was the total number of hours worked by your Special Constabulary officers in the last 12 month period?**

1<sup>st</sup> Aug 14 – 31<sup>st</sup> July 15 = 43930.75 hours

**4. How many of your Special Constabulary officers have Independent Patrol Status (As defined by the Home Office)?**

132 Officers

**5. Please list the different roles your Special Constabulary officers perform and the departments that they work in?**

Currently Specials are aligned to Neighborhood Policing units across the force area, we have specials supporting Football Policing, and within the training areas of the organization.

**6. Please describe any plans to increase the numbers and/or roles to be undertaken by your Special Constabulary in the future?**

Currently we are looking to increase our establishment to around 300 officers, this will however be dependent on any budgetary constraints required.

**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)

E-mail: [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)