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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 01/09/2014.

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.

This information regarding the number of full time equivalent, (FTE) officers attending training is not recorded in an easily retrievable format. To locate, retrieve and extract the requested information requires a manual search of all records held. This would require checking training attendance registers over the period for the names of officers and then cross referencing this against HR staff records to establish whether the officer was full time or part time. An initial search revealed a total of 3415 records over the period requested.

We estimate that it would take between 2-5 minutes for each record. At the most conservative estimate this would take 114 hours to collate the information.

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 – I am not able to suggest a way of doing this.

In accordance with the Act, once one part of the request is excess cost the whole request exceeds the cost threshold.

In the spirit of the Act but outside of it I can supply the information as regards head count of officers attending training and also the answers to your remaining questions. See below:-

1. *What training is available to (a) officers and (b) civilian staff to improve digital skills and for the purpose of investigating cybercrime and cyber-enabled crime?*

[Open Source \(Level 2\).](#)

This relates to training officers and staff to use IT systems open to the public to aid the investigative process

[Core Skills in Communications Data](#)

This relates to training officers and staff in securing evidence contained on digital devices. It also contains elements of forensic examination.

[Cyber Crime & Digital Policing Introduction NCALT E-Learning](#)

NCALT is the National Centre for Applied Learning Technologies. This level 1 module helps develop a general awareness of the types of emerging threats and risks from criminals exploiting modern technology. It relates to relevant legislation. The module also covers cyber crime prevention.

This module is the first of three modules covering cyber crime at level 1. This e-learning module is designed for all police officers and special constables, and individuals within a law enforcement community.

[Cyber Crime and Digital Policing - First Responder NCALT E-Learning](#)

This level 1 module contains key information and guidance that will help officers handle the first response to cyber crime incidents. This module also covers investigative considerations, including methods that can be used to capture digital evidence.

Cyber Crime and Digital Policing – Investigation NCALT E-Learning

This level 1 module contains key information and guidance that helps officers and staff support the investigation of cyber crime incidents. This module covers investigative considerations and evidence handling issues most relevant to cyber crime and cyber-enabled crime.

2. How many full time equivalent (a) officers and (b) civilian staff have completed training in cyber or digital skills in the last 12 months up to August 2014?

86 people have attended Open Source (Level 2)

75 people have attended Core Skills in Communications Data

1219 people have completed Cyber Crime & Digital Policing Introduction NCALT E-Learning

1085 people have completed Cyber Crime and Digital Policing - First Responder NCALT E-Learning

950 people have completed Cyber Crime and Digital Policing – Investigation NCALT E-Learning

These figures relate to head count and not to FTE See above exemption.

3. How many (a) officers and (b) civilian staff are assigned to the cybercrime (or equivalent) unit? If there is no unit specifically focussed on cybercrime, how many full time equivalent (a) officers and (b) civilian staff are dedicated to investigating cyber and cyber-enabled crime?

There is no Cybercrime Unit within Nottinghamshire Police.

The Digital Forensics Unit, however, is made up of 1 Sgt, 4 Constable Digital Examiners and 3 Police Staff Technicians. There are 4 Police Staff Communications Data SPOCs and the Technical Intelligence Unit is made up of 1 Sgt and 4 DCs.

4. How many investigations have been initiated by the cybercrime (or equivalent) unit in the last 12 months up to August 2014?

Not applicable. There is no Cybercrime Unit. The roles mentioned in answer to question 3 do not initiate investigations but provide tactical options to existing operations which are run by mainstream teams.

Section 23 is a class based absolute exemption and there is no requirement to consider the public interest in this case. Confirming or denying the existence of whether information is held would contravene the constrictions laid out with Section 23 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in that this stipulates a generic bar on disclosure of any information applied by, or concerning, certain Security Bodies.

5. What is the (a) name and (b) budget for each of the last 5 years for the cybercrime (or equivalent) unit?

There is no discrete budget for the above roles. It is incorporated into the overall Intelligence budget.

6. Does the process for recording and passing cybercrimes to prosecutors differ from non-cybercrime?

With regard to crime recording our recording system has a Cyber Crime Tag that can be used by officers to identify it as a feature within the MO of a crime. This is further broken down by a further MO description to identify a particular feature of the Cyber Crime e.g. Social Media, email, auction etc.

There is no difference in the way cyber crimes are passed to prosecutors as compared with non-cyber crime.

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 – Paul Jeffery

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;
- Are still waiting for a response and are unhappy with the delay.

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 Officer 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