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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 17/09/2014.

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.

Q1. How many thefts of `war memorabilia`* were reported to your constabulary in the past five years? (Please provide the figures split by year for 2014-to-date, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010 and 2009).

***By `war memorabilia` we are referring to all of but not exclusively the following types of items pertaining to military conflicts: Original photographs, War medals, Badge, Documents and letters, Uniforms, Headgear and Body armour, Weapons, Vehicles, etc.**

Q2. What is the TOTAL estimated value of the thefts listed in Q1 over the past five years? (Please provide a separate figure for 2014-to-date, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010 and 2009).

Q3. Specifically, how many thefts of the following types of war memorabilia were reported to your constabulary in the past five years? (For each category, please provide a separate figure for 2014-to-date, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010 and 2009).

Original photographs

War medals

Badges - cloth, metal, Bakelite, badges, buttons

Documents and maps - pamphlets, training, manuals, amps, letters

Uniforms - jackets, trousers, boots, etc

Headgear - helmets, hats, side-caps, etc

Body armour

Weapons - including pen knives, daggers, bayonets, swords, etc

Vehicles

General items classified as 'War Memorabilia'

This information is not recorded in an easily retrievable format.

Nottinghamshire Police's Crime Recording System does not have a Property Type Description of 'War Memorabilia.' To locate, retrieve and extract the requested information requires running a number of searches manually imputing key words to search of all records held. This would mean searching the Property Type and Description for words such as:

Weapons

Uniform

Undesignated off road vehicle

Medals

Knives

Documents

Ammunition

Uniform

Medal

Army

RAF

Helmet

Badge

Armour

Pen Knife

Dagger

Bayonet

Sword

Map

An initial search of the above revealed a total of 6394 records over the requested period. Each of these would then need to be read individually to ascertain if the items mentioned were related to 'War Memorabilia.'

We estimate that it would take approximately 3 minutes per record to search which would equate to approximately 320 working hours (for five and a half

years worth of records). 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. However, 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.

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