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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 27/08/2015.

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 some of the information you have requested.

The information I wish to obtain relates solely to Special Constables (SC's) in your organisation; the following questions apply:

1. In each year 2012, 2013, 2014 and the year 2015 to date, what are/were the numbers of SC's in the following age ranges: 18 - 29 years, 30 - 39 years, 40 - 49 years, 50 - 59 years, 60 plus

Nottinghamshire Police only hold some of the requested data due to recording. We are only able to provide information for 2015 up to. Please see overleaf.

| Age Group | No. of Specials* |
|-----------|------------------|
| 16-20 | 46 |
| 21-25 | 90 |
| 26-30 | 42 |
| 31-35 | 22 |
| 36-40 | 16 |
| 41-45 | 14 |
| 46-50 | 13 |
| 51-55 | 4 |
| 56-60 | 2 |
| 61-65 | 2 |

* Please Note: figure is taken from 16/03/2015. The numbers of specials we have within the organisation vary from day to day as officers leave the organisation. We have recruited numerous officers since March and have similarly lost officers for a variety of reasons, so the two figures are unlikely to match simply due to the two different time periods.

2. In the year 2015 to date, how many SC volunteer for your organisation?

Nottinghamshire Police currently** have 256 Special Constables volunteering.

** Please Note that data is taken from 06/10/2015. The numbers of specials we have within the organisation vary from day to day as officers leave the organisation. We have recruited numerous officers since March and have similarly lost officers for a variety of reasons, so the two figures are unlikely to match simply due to the two different time periods.

3. In each year 2012, 2013 and 2014 how many SC's attended follow up/refresher training events?

On average we held 4 sessions per month per year over this period. On average 75% of active specials attended sessions.

4. Are SC's powers the same as those set out in legislation? if not, how do they differ?

Yes, Nottinghamshire Police Special Constable's powers are the same as those set out in legislation.

5. Would you be able to send me a copy of your policy in relation to the scheme in your organisation?

No information held. Nottinghamshire Police do not have a written policy at this time.

6. How are SC's and their powers managed and monitored?

The Special Constabulary is managed and monitored through the Citizens in Policing Department (CiPD):

- Performance Development Review (PDR) Process

- CIPD Performance Management regime
 - a) Strategic Plan
 - b) Fortnightly CiPD management meetings
 - c) Quarterly Volunteering management meetings
 - d) Quarterly Force Volunteer Board meeting

Also- allegations of misconduct and impropriety are managed by the Force professional standards department.

7. Are there any plans to increase SC powers? if so, how?

No Nottinghamshire Police have no plans to increase Special Constable's powers.

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