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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 02/09/2015.

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Nottinghamshire Police to locate the information you require.

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.

Please find below answers to your questions:-

Please can you reveal details about the date that homicides investigated by your force took place.

1) Please reveal the day homicides occurred in the years 2012, 2013 and 2014. Please break down by year and by Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Day Homicides* occurred

Day	2012	2013	2014	Total
Monday	1	1	2	4
Tuesday	0	1	0	1
Wednesday	1	0	0	1
Thursday	2	0	1	3
Friday	2	1	0	3
Saturday	2	2	0	4
Sunday	2	1	1	4

* Homicides consist of the following
Murder



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Manslaughter

Please Note-: This data is extracted from a live system and may be subject to change

Source-: Performance and Insight 11.09.2015

2) Please reveal the month homicides occurred in the years 2012, 2013 and 2014. Please break down by year and by January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December.

Month Homicides* occurred

Month	2012	2013	2014	Total
February	0	1	0	1
April	1	1	2	4
May	1	0	0	1
June	1	1	0	2
July	1	1	2	4
August	1	0	0	1
September	1	0	0	1
November	2	1	0	3
December	2	1	0	3

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In addition, it is sometimes not possible to determine the actual specific day a homicide occurred. In this instance a date range in which the offence occurred is recorded. The below homicides are not recorded with a specific date of occurrence but rather with a date range:

Date From	Saturday	December	2013
Date From	Friday	February	2013
Date From	Sunday	January	2014
Date From	Saturday	August	2013
Date From	Friday	January	2014
Date From	Monday	July	2012
Date From	<u>S30</u>	<u>S30</u>	<u>S30</u>
Date From	Saturday	October	2013
Date From	Wednesday	April	2012

Date To	Monday	December	2013
Date To	Saturday	February	2013
Date To	Saturday	January	2014
Date To	Sunday	September	2013
Date To	Saturday	January	2014
Date To	Saturday	July	2012
Date To	<u>S30</u>	<u>S30</u>	<u>S30</u>
Date To	Sunday	October	2013
Date To	Thursday	April	2012

Please be advised that there are incidents in relation to your request which are still under investigation at this time.

As this is such we are unable to disclose any details as this information would be exempt under Section 30(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

30. – (2) Information held by a public authority is exempt information if –

- a) it was obtained or recorded by the authority for the purposes of its functions relating to –

- i) investigations falling within subsection (1) a) or b)
 - ii) criminal proceedings which the authority has power to conduct
 - iii) investigations (other than investigations falling within subsection (1) a) or b) which are conducted by the authority for any of the purposes specified in section 31 (2) and either by virtue of Her Majesty's prerogative or by virtue of powers conferred by or under any enactment, or
 - iv) civil proceedings which are brought by or on behalf of the authority and arise out of such investigations, and
- b) it relates to the obtaining of information from confidential sources

Section 30 is a class based qualified exemption. Consideration must be given with regard to whether there is a public interest in neither confirming nor denying that any other information exists is the appropriate response.

Evidence of Harm

In releasing information about the above incident it is possible it would have the effect of undermining any on-going and/or covert investigations as it could lead to individuals with criminal intent becoming aware of whether or not their activities have been detected and could ultimately compromise policing tactics, operations and future prosecutions.

Section 30 Public Interest Considerations

Factors favouring disclosure

The Police Service is tasked with the delivery of effective law enforcement ensuring the detection and prevention of crime and the public has a right to know that Nottinghamshire Police focuses its attention and responsibility to ensuring serious criminal offences are dealt with appropriately and efficiently.

Factors favouring non-disclosure

Disclosure of the information requested could lead to individuals with criminal intent becoming aware of whether or not their activities have been detected and could ultimately compromise policing tactics, operations and future prosecutions.

Balancing Test

The Police Service is tasked with protecting the community we serve and solving crime and there is a public interest argument in ensuring we are open and transparent with regard to policing investigations and operations. There is no doubt that for the issue outlined above any disclosure relating to investigation information could jeopardise those important roles.

It is therefore our opinion that the balance lies in favour of non-disclosure of the information at this time.

Please Note: Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide crime statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the crime data. **It should be noted that for these reasons, this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.**

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