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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 07/09/2015.

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.

**We're interested in finding out:**

**1. How many children (under the age of 18) have been caught with a weapon in school since 2010 (as a yearly breakdown)?**

Please see overleaf for the data held in relation to your request in the form of a table.

**Persons under 18 years of age caught with a weapon\*\* in school\*\*\***

Year*	Total
2010	10
2011	3
2012	5
2013	4
2014	4
2015	6
Total	32

\* 2015 time period 01-01-2015 - 31-08-2015

\*\* Search Criteria consists of the following offences:

Possession of Firearms with Intent.

Possession of Firearms Offences.

Possession of Other Weapons.

Possession of Article with Blade or Point.

\*\*\* Premises Cat Finite = School

Please Note-: We can't confirm if these crimes took place during school hours

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

Source-: Performance and Insight 15.09.2015

**2. How many of those were of primary school age?**

**Of those, those who are of primary school age\*\*\*\***

Year*	Total
2010	0
2011	0
2012	0
2013	1
2014	2
2015	2
Total	5

\* 2015 time period 01-01-2015 - 31-08-2015

\*\*\*\*Primary school consists of 11 yrs and younger

Please Note-: We can't confirm if these crimes took place during school hours

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3. The age of the youngest child caught with a weapon?

4. The types of weapons they were caught with?

**Age of the youngest offender & the weapon type**

Age of offender	Weapon
9	Bladed Article

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**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](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)