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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 23 October 2012.

1) The total number of allegations against paedophiles have you received in the last 3 years?

- i. 2009-2010**
- ii. 2010-2011**
- iii. 2011-2012**

a) From the total number of allegations against paedophiles. How many cases was dropped or didn't go to court?

- i. 2009-2010**
- ii. 2010-2011**
- iii. 2011-2012**

b) From the total number of allegations against paedophiles. How many cases went to court?

- i. 2009-2010**
- ii. 2010-2011**
- iii. 2011-2012**

c) From the total number of allegations against paedophiles. How many people got found guilty in the last 3 years?

- i. 2009-2010*
- ii. 2010-2011*
- iii. 2011-2012*

d) From the total number of guilty paedophiles how many got prison sentences in the last 3 years?

- i. 2009-2010*
- ii. 2010-2011*
- iii. 2011-2012*

e) What was the average length of guilty paedophiles prison sentence in the last 3 years?

- i. 2009-2010*
- ii. 2010-2011*
- iii. 2011-2012*

2) In the last 3 years. How many known paedophiles reoffend?

- i. 2009-2010*
- ii. 2010-2011*
- iii. 2011-2012*

3) How many under age victims later committed suicide?

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 part of the information you have requested.

Nottinghamshire Police do not use the word paedophile in our statistics relating to individuals who are subject to notification under Section 80 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003, the term used is 'registered sexual offender'.

The information for question 1 would alone exceed the cost threshold of 18 hours under Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act. To retrieve and extract one years worth of data would require a manual search of each of the 1269 registered sexual offenders (RSO) Nottinghamshire Police currently have. Each RSO would need to be checked to confirm if their registration was for offences against children. From this information we would need to check

each name to confirm if allegations had been made against them for any further offences. This would take an estimated 15 minutes per record which equates to 317.25 hours.

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.

I am unable to suggest a refinement to your request to bring this within cost.

This letter constitutes a refusal notice under Section 17(5) of the Freedom of Information Act 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.

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

Information Compliance Officer

Are you dissatisfied with your response?

If so, prior to lodging a formal complaint, you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the case officer that dealt with your request.

Ask to have the decision looked at again

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision reconsidered is to telephone the case officer that is identified at the end of your decision letter.

That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

Formal Independent Review

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision made by Nottinghamshire Police under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, you can request an Independent Review.

Upon receipt for a review of the initial request response, an independent audit officer from Information Management will review the request and assess whether it has been satisfactorily processed in accordance with policy and procedure.

Requests for Independent Reviews requests should be made in writing to-

Force Information Manager
Nottinghamshire Police
Force Headquarters
Sherwood Lodge
Arnold
Nottingham
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The Audit officer will record and communicate his/her decision to the information requester within 20 working days.

Appeals

If the findings of the formal independent review do not meet your approval, you can register an appeal against the decision.

An investigation will then take place by the Freedom of Information officer, which will be reported and presented to the Internal Appeal Board. This will include a full account of the reasoning for or against disclosure and the application of any relevant exemptions.

The Internal Appeal Board will consist of at least a member of the Chief Officer Team, a member of the Legal Team and the Force Information Manager.

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Alternatively E-mail: Freedomofinformation@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

Or call: 01159672507

Applications to the Information Commissioner

If you then remain dissatisfied, you may make an application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make an application to the Information Commissioner, please visit their website at www.informationcommisioner.gov.uk

Alternatively, Write to:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Or call: 01625 545700.