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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 05/10/2015.

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:-

I would like to know how many incidents of violence against a person, with the location listed as a football match, have been reported to your police service each separate financial year for ten years from April 2005-April 2015?

I would like a breakdown of how many offences were reported each year, which specific offences were recorded and the frequency of each offence in each year.

If the location of a football match is not an option, then a similar category will suffice, such as football stadium, or sporting event.

A search has been conducted of the Nottinghamshire Police Crime Recording Management System for all Violence Against Person (VAP) crimes recording at addresses which contain the word 'football' during the period requested. Please see the below table of results:

Number of crimes* of Violence Against A Person recorded at a football Ground

| <u>HO Offence Category Desc**</u> | <u>Financial Year****</u> | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 | 2008-09 | 2009-10 | 2010-11 | 2011-12 | 2012-13 | 2013-14 | 2014-15 |
| Actual bodily harm (ABH) and other injury | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 13 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Assault on a constable | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Assault With Injury | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 6 |
| Assault without injury | 2 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Harassment | 23 | 46 | 43 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Inflicting grievous bodily harm (GBH) with intent | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Wounding | 8 | 10 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Racially/religiously aggravated harassment | 2 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

*This data consist of crimes only

** Data provided by HMIC offence filter Violence Against A Person

**** Time period 01.04.2005 - 31.03.2015

Please Note-: These crimes could of happened either before, after or even not during a football match

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

Source-: Performance and Insight 20.10.2015

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