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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 01/08/2013.

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.

Please could you provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

-For each year from 2005 to 2013, the amount of money kept by the police force under the Proceeds of Crime Act following raids on brothels and prosecutions for "keeping a brothel".

None.

The Police do not keep money seized or confiscated under the Proceeds of Crime Act.

Under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 money taken is passed on to the Home Office and there is then a mechanism for the Home Office to return a



portion of any money seized or confiscated from criminals back to the Police, this is known as an 'Incentivisation Fund'.

There are two ways in which the Police receive a percentage of money:

1. Cash taken under the 'cash seizure' provisions of POCA is sent to the Home Office for distribution, 50% is retained by the Treasury, the other 50% is returned to the Police and is made available for the Chief Officer of Police to spend as he sees fit.
2. Cash confiscated by the Courts following the conviction of an offender is again sent to the Home Office for distribution, in this case 50% is retained by the Treasury and the other 50% is split between the CPS, Court Service and the Police, each getting approximately one third.

There is no set time limit for when money is re-distributed under the 'Incentivisation Fund' as payments can be ongoing.

-For each year from 2005 to 2013, the number of `supervisory visits by police officers to brothels.

-For each year from 2005 to 2013, the number of raids carried out on brothels.

Please be advised Nottinghamshire Police do not differentiate between supervisory or raid, the visits are always unannounced and fit both categories.

Please see the table below for the answer to these questions.

Number of visits to brothels by Year

| Year | Number of visits by On-Street Prostitution Team/Sexual Exploitation Investigation Unit (SEIU) |
|------|---|
| 2005 | 6 |
| 2006 | 13 |
| 2007 | 4 |
| 2008 | 10 |
| 2009 | 21 |
| 2010 | 6 |
| 2011 | 1 |
| 2012 | 7 |
| 2013 | 0 |

Please note: the above figures are for the number of visits by the On-Street Prostitution Team or Sexual Exploitation Investigation Unit (SEIU), the figures do not include occasions where Officers may have visited for other policing purposes.

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?

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
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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.