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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 02/11/2015.

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.

I request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.

1.) List of web domains controlled or owned by Nottinghamshire Police.

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www.neighbourhoodprioritysurvey.co.uk

www.nottinghamshire.police.uk

www.nottspoliceband.co.uk

www.nottinghamshirepoliceband.co.uk

www.nottinghamshirepoliceband.com

www.nottspeed.com

www.nottspeed.co.uk

Nottinghamshire Police can neither confirm nor deny that it holds any other information relating to you request, as the duty in Section 1(1)(a) of the

Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply by virtue of the following exemption:

Section 31(3) – Law Enforcement

Section 31 is a prejudice based qualified exemption and there is a requirement to articulate the harm that would be caused in confirming or denying that any other information is held as well as carrying out a public interest test.

Harm

The public expect police forces and other law enforcement agencies to use all powers and tactics available to prevent and detect crime or disorder and maintain public safety.

To confirm or deny that any other information is held would prejudice the prevention and detection of crime and would identify the level of policing and resources that may or may not be assigned utilising web domains. This would compromise any tactics that may or may not be used by the force, providing useful information that would enable those wishing to circumvent those arrangements, to form an assessment of the level of capability within the force.

Factors favouring confirmation or denial that any other information is held

To confirm or deny that any other information is held would allow a greater understanding of where public funds are being allocated. For the Police Service to be fully transparent and open, it is appreciated that there is a public interest in confirming or denying that any other information is held which may infer where public money may be spent.

Factors against confirmation or denial that any other information is held

To confirm or deny that any other information is held would compromise the current or future law enforcement role of the Police Service.

To confirm or deny any further information is held is likely to have a detrimental effect on policing resources. Policing resources and the police capability would be negatively affected, and manipulated by those with criminal intent, to obtain an advantage over any potential police tactics and capabilities. In a world where cyber crime is ever increasing it is of paramount importance to protect any further information that may or may not be held that is relevant to the request.

Irrespective of what other information is or isn't held, by applying substantive exemptions would indicate that information is held and would identify tactics. Such action would undermine the law enforcement tactics which would further undermine public safety and the repercussions that could hinder the prevention or detection of crime.

Balance Test

The points above highlight the merits of confirming, or denying, whether any other information pertinent to this request exists. Police Service will never divulge whether or not any other information is held if to do so would undermine law enforcement capabilities. Whilst there is a public interest in the transparency of policing operations, resources and capabilities providing reassurance that the Police Service is appropriately and effectively engaging with the threat from criminals, there is a very strong public interest in safeguarding the tactics that the force may or may not employ.

The public also entrust the Police Service to make appropriate decisions with regard to their safety and protection and the only way of reducing risk is to be cautious with any information that is released. In this case, and irrespective of what other information is or isn't held, to merely confirm or deny that information is held would provide information which would assist those intent on causing harm.

Therefore, at this moment in time, it is our opinion that for these issues the balance test for confirming, nor denying, that any other information is held is made out.

No inference can be taken from this refusal that information does or does not exist.

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