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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 03/11/2015.

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Nottinghamshire Police to locate the information you require.

Please find below answers to your questions:-

Could you please provide the information for the following question:

How many Road Traffic Collisions have been attributed to driving dangerously in the last 12 months?

Please share this information electronically.

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.

This information is not recorded in an easily retrievable format. There is no easy method of being able to extract this data from either records of Road Traffic Collisions (RTC's) or Prosecution files for Dangerous Driving. To locate, retrieve and extract the requested information requires a manual search of all records held in relation to the above. We would either be required to manually search all prosecution files for offences relating to using a motor vehicle in a dangerous manner to ascertain whether this had involved an RTC or we would be required to search all records of road traffic collisions to ascertain whether there were any relevant information related to dangerous

driving held within the records. An initial search revealed a total of 238 prosecution files for offences related to dangerous use of a motor vehicle and 6068 RTC's recorded within the last 12 months.

Using the fewest records as an example (prosecution files), it is estimated that to search one file to ascertain whether there was any mention of an RTC would take approximately 10 minutes which would equate to 39.67 working hours. This takes the request over the cost threshold of 18 working hours and engages Section 12 (1) of the Act. To search the accident records for the same data would take approximately the same amount of time per record and would equate to approximately 1011.33 working hours.

This letter constitutes a refusal notice under Section 17(5) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 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.

In accordance with the Act, once one part of the request is excess cost the whole request exceeds the cost threshold. In the spirit of the Act but outside of it I can advise you that out of the 238 prosecution files for using a motor vehicle dangerously within the last 12 months, there were 7 prosecution files raised for causing death by dangerous driving and 8 prosecutions for causing serious injury by dangerous driving. These 2 offences would imply that some form of road traffic collision was involved.

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.

Alternatively you are invited to refine your request to bring it within the cost threshold – perhaps by reducing the number of years you require data for, and resubmitting the request.

I can advise you that you may wish to contact the Nottinghamshire County Council for this information as their Accident Investigation Unit analyse road traffic collision information and submit the Stats 19 data to the Home Office on our behalf. I believe that they should be able to provide a more comprehensive response regarding this request. Their contact details are provided below or I can transfer your request should you wish me to do so. If you would like me to transfer this request please notify me in writing.

FOI@nottsc.gov.uk

Freedom of Information
Nottinghamshire County Council
County Hall
West Bridgford
Nottingham

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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