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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 18/11/2015.

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.

Please could you supply the total number of road traffic accidents in your police force for the last five financial years, plus a year to date figure for this financial year. So that's 10/11, 11/12, 12/13, 13/14, 14/15 and YTD for 15/16

Please find below the number of incidents recorded with the qualifier Road Traffic Collision (RTC) in the years requested as taken from our incident recording system.

01/04/2010 - 31/03/2011 = 13403 RTC Incidents
01/04/2011 - 31/03/2012 = 12580 RTC Incidents
01/04/2012 - 31/03/2013 = 12443 RTC Incidents
01/04/2013 - 31/03/2014 = 12502 RTC Incidents
01/04/2014 - 31/03/2015 = 14365 RTC Incidents
01/04/2015 - 19/11/2015 = 8747 RTC Incidents

Could you also supply the number of successful prosecutions made for a failed to stop offence in each of these financial years. I am aware that these may not relate directly to the cases being investigated in that particular period.

This information is not recorded in the exact way that you have requested. As per the table below we hold the number of cases opened and can state those with a Court Adjudication of Guilty.

Please be advised that the system from which the data was extracted also held a number of blanks where the outcome was not imputed. This means the actual number of Guilty outcomes may be higher than the figures shown.

Financial Year	Cases Opened	Court Adjudication Type - Guilty	Blank or Not recorded on the system searched
2010/11	93	64	19
2011/12	122	83	19
2012/13	90	65	16
2013/14	128	75	29
2014/15	133	74	49
2015*	85	41	38
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Total	652	402	171

* 2015 figures comprise of 01/04/2015 - 07/12/2015

Please Note: Please see the below response in relation to the following questions.

Could you also supply the number of accidents where a 'failed to stop' offence was committed, during for the same periods.

Finally, could you include the most common reason for the case not leading to a successful prosecution in that year - e.g. no registration number, absence of witness, etc.

This information is not recorded in an easily retrievable format. To locate, retrieve and extract the requested information requires a manual search of all records held in relation to RTC incidents to ascertain in any involved failure to stop. As per the figures above in relation to your first question this would be a total of 74040 records. Even at the most conservative estimate of three minutes per record to read, this would equate to approximately 3702 working hours (for 6 years worth of records).

In relation to the cases these would also have to be searched individually and systems cross referenced with any relevant information extracted in relation to the case not progressing.

This takes the request over the cost threshold of 18 working hours and engages Section 12 (1) of the Act.

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.

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. However, due to the large numbers I am unable to suggest a refinement that would bring the request within the cost threshold.

In accordance with the Act, once one part of the request is excess cost the whole request exceeds the cost threshold. However in the spirit of the Act, but outside of it, the information we were able to retrieve was given above.

Please Note: 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