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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 29/12/2014.

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 supply me with the number of warranted police officers in your constabulary (excluding special constables and police community support officers) who were rostered on active duty at the beginning of each operational shift during Christmas Day, 25th December 2014.

Please supply a separate figure for all shifts that were operational (ie including those spanning 24/25 and 25/26) at any point during that day.

Please only include officers (of any rank) rostered to serve a full shift.

Please exclude any officers drafted in from other forces for special events such as football matches.

Please also supply the number of putatively rostered warranted officers (excluding special constables and police community support officers) who were absent from duty for any reason during each of these shifts.



(All questions UK locations only)

This information is not recorded in an easily retrievable format. Records and correspondence relating to Officers that were on each rota to work, those that were then Operational and length of the shifts worked are not held centrally and could potentially be located across more than one department and over a number of systems.

To locate, retrieve and extract any information that may be held in order to respond to your request would require contacting every duties team within Nottinghamshire Police which would have dealt with any shifts over the requested period. It would then require a manual search of all records and documents held in order to ascertain what was held and extract into an understandable format any information relevant to your request.

An initial search of Officers shifts for 24, 25 and 26 December 2014 resulted in 6501 returns. The work necessary to provide such information in relation to shifts would certainly exceed 18 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.

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.

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

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