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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 19/11/2015.

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.

1) The number(s) of crime scene investigators/examiners/scenes of crime officers, at your organisation, by year, from 2009 to 2015.

There are currently 29.1 FTE or 30 people in the role of Crime Scene Investigator, Volume Crime Scene Investigator or Crime Scene Investigator Manager.

2) The recruitment criteria used for hiring new CSEs, in advertisements and job postings by the Human Resources department of your organisation. Electronic copies of these would be ideal, but if not possible, scanned paper copies are fine as well.

Please see the attached Job Description and Person Specification for new CSE's or known as Volume Crime Scene Investigators (VCSI's).

You may also find the below link to our below link Nottinghamshire Police website of some use:



3) The financial spending, specific to crime scene investigation, by year, from 2009 to 2015.

Please see below for total CSI department spend held by our Finance Department.

Year	Total Spend* (£)
2009	1,682,676
2010	1,806,188
2011	1,936,156
2012	1,748,020
2013	1,729,765
2014	1,601,118
2015	1,430,476

* Please Note: this is total spend includes pay and non-pay items.

4) The financial spending, specific to laboratory work, by year, from 2009 to 2015

Nottinghamshire Police do not have a specific costing code for laboratory work. In this instance costings are not coded individually on invoices by type of work but are under one costing code for the CSI Department. Therefore we are unable to provide a separate figure in relation to your request.

5) The overall financial spending on scientific support units in your organisation from 2009 to 2015, by year.

Please see question 3. Within Nottinghamshire the Scientific Support Units are included within the CSI Department.

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