

Our Ref: 007004/17



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12 October 2017

Dear Ms Holm

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 14/09/2017.

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

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 find below answers to your questions:-

1. How many people were arrested under Section 76 of the Serious Crime Act 2015 for 'Controlling or Coercive Behaviour in an Intimate or Family Relationship' over the following periods:

1.a. 1 January 2016 to 30 June 2016?

1.b. 1 July to 31 December 2016?

1.c. 1 January 2017 to 30 June 2017

2. How many people were arrested for 'stalking and harassment' over the following periods:

- 1.a. 1 January 2015 to 30 June 2015?**
- 1.b. 1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015?**
- 1.c. January 2016 to 30 June 2016?**
- 1.d. 1 July 2016 to 31 December 2016?**
- 1.e. 1 January 2017 to 30 June 2017**

3. Please provide a breakdown of the official recorded crime outcomes of the arrests set out above in Q1 and Q2 (charged, cautioned, no further action etc.), broken down over those same periods of time.

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 as arrests for 'Controlling or Coercive Behaviour in an Intimate or Family Relationship' and 'Stalking' would have been categorised as 'Other'. This is because we only started to record under this heading for this type of crime in January 2016 onwards. An initial search revealed a total of 3469 records over a 1 year period.

It is estimated that to search one record would take approximately 5 minutes which would equate to approximately 289 working hours (for 1 years' worth of records). 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.

In accordance with the Act, once one part of the request exceeds the cost threshold the entire request exceeds the cost threshold. However, under Section 16 of the Act: Advice and Guidance we can provide you with the information we have been able to retrieve.

Answer: -

- 1.
 - 1a. 7
 - 1b. 16

1c. 19

2.

1c.

1d.

1e.

Refer to table

Row Labels	1 January 2017 to 30 June 2017	1 July 2016 to 31 December 2016	January 2016 to 30 June 2016	Grand Total
Display any writing / sign / visible representation with intent to cause harassment / alarm or distress	1	-	-	1
Display threatening / abusive writing / sign / visible representation likely to cause harassment / alarm / distress	2	-	-	2
Harassment - breach of a restraining order after acquittal	7	6	1	14
Harassment - breach of a restraining order on conviction	134	127	110	371
Harassment - breach of civil injunction	3	10		13
Harassment - put in fear of violence	25	23	18	66
Harassment of a person in his home,		1		1
Harassment without violence	106	90	73	269
Racially / religiously aggravated harassment / alarm / distress by words / writing	15	18	17	50
Racially / religiously aggravated harassment with fear of violence	-	1	3	4
Racially / Religiously aggravated harassment without violence	1		1	2
Racially / religiously aggravated intentional harassment / alarm / distress - words / writing	15	25	13	53
Stalking involving fear of violence	1	1	1	3
Stalking involving serious alarm / distress	2	1	1	4
Stalking without fear / alarm / distress	3	7	1	11
Use threatening / abusive / insulting words / behaviour to cause harassment / alarm / distress	44	53	35	132
Use threatening / abusive words / behaviour or disorderly behaviour likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress	83	87	55	225
Grand Total	442	450	329	1221

3.

Nominal Classifications for Crimes of Engage in controlling / coercive behaviour in an intimate / family relationship

Nominal Classification	01 Jan 16 - 30 Jun 16	01 Jul 16 - 31 Dec 16	01 Jan 17 - 30 Jun 17	Grand Total
1: Charged	1	13	8	22
9: CPS Prosecution not in public interest	0	0	2	2
10: Police - Formal action not in public interest	0	0	2	2
15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	0	0	1	1
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	0	0	1	1
Hist - Resolved - 15.0 Suspect NFA evi diff	2	5	2	9
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	0	4	2	6
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	4	0	0	4
Grand Total	7	22	18	47

Nominal Classifications for Crimes of Stalking and Harassment

Nominal Classification	01 Jan 15 - 30 Jun 15	01 Jul 15 - 31st Dec 15	01 Jan 16 - 30 Jun 16	01 Jul 16 - 31 Dec 16	01 Jan 17 - 30 Jun 17	Grand Total
1: Charged	219	196	176	175	265	1031
1: Summonsed/postal requisitions	16	24	16	13	19	88
1A: Alternate offence charged	0	0	2	0	3	5
2: Youth caution	5	2	1	0	1	9
3: Adult caution	18	26	10	15	11	80
5: Offender has died	0	1	0	0	0	1
6: Penalty notice for disorder	0	0	0	0	3	3
8: Community resolution	12	28	16	20	18	94
9: CPS Prosecution not in public interest	0	0	2	2	6	10
10: Police - Formal action not in public interest	0	0	8	20	21	49
12: Named suspect too ill to prosecute	0	0	1	0	0	1
13: Named suspect but victim/key witness deceased or too ill	0	0	0	1	0	1
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	0	0	0	9	7	16
15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	0	0	0	0	5	5
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	0	0	0	1	18	19
Hist - Resolved - 15.0 Suspect NFA evi diff	0	0	18	63	53	134
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	0	0	9	72	137	218
17: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit expired	0	0	0	1	1	2

18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	0	0	4	22	22	48
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	0	0	5	3	5	13
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	0	0	2	10	19	31
Grand Total	270	277	270	427	614	1858

*Data provided is from 1st January 2016 - 30th June 2017 by Classification Status Date

**Data has been provided by searching on the HO Code Class 8/67 - Engage in controlling/coercive behaviour in an intimate/family relationship

***Data has been provided by using a Person Positive Outcome and a Person Unresolved outcome filter. Please be aware that you can have more than one offender per crime.

****Data provided is from 1st January 2015 - 30th June 2017 by Classification Status Date

*****Data has been provided by searching on the following HO Code Groups:

8L - Harassment

8M - Racially or Religiously Aggravated Harassment

8Q - Stalking

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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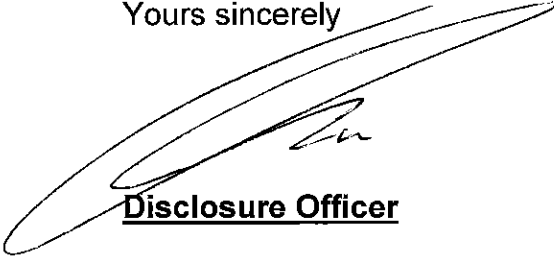
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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Nottinghamshire Police.

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

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke.

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
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