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Dear Mr Ford

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 18/03/2017.

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:-

This request relates to the following offences set out in the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971:

- i. Possession of Cannabis - s.5(1) of the Act;***
- ii. Possession of Cannabis with intent to supply - s.5(3) of the Act.***

1. For each of these two offences separately, please supply the following data broken down by each year a) 2004, b) 2005, c) 2006, d) 2007, e) 2008 and f) 2009 g) 2015 h) 2016:

- a) The total number of individuals arrested by your force***
- b) The total number of individuals cautioned by your force***
- c) The total number of individuals charged by your force***



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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. This is because for the period 2004 - 2015 the arrests would be recorded under Possession of Drugs without the ability to filter out arrests in relation to **i: Possession of Cannabis** and **ii: Possession of Cannabis with intent to supply**, this would require us to manually search each individual record to determine if the record related to both (i) and (ii).

An initial search revealed a total of 13682 records over a thirteen year period from 2004 to 2016

It is estimated that to search one record would take approximately 10 minutes which would equate to approximately 2280.33 working hours (for thirteen 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 may wish to refine your request to bring it within the cost threshold. Perhaps by reducing the number of years and resubmitting your request.

In accordance with the Act, once one part of the request exceeds the cost threshold. However, under Section 16 of the Act: Advice and Guidance we can provide you with the data we were able to extract within the cost threshold.

a) The total number of individuals arrested by your force

Total Arrested for Possession with Intent to Supply
183

Total Arrested for Possession
130

* Data total number arrested extracted for the time period 02 Feb 2016 – 31 Dec 2016 for the following:

- i. Possession of Cannabis.
- ii. Possession of Cannabis with intent to supply.

Year	Possession of Controlled Drug	Possession with intent to Supply	Grand Total
2005	17	No Information Held	17
2006	1009	No Information Held	1009
2007	1559	No Information Held	1559
2008	1320	232	1552
2009	1171	511	1682
2010	1159	621	1780
2011	956	511	1467
2012	813	506	1319
2013	592	528	1120
2014	694	486	1180
2015	504	424	928
2016	40	29	69
Grand Total	9834	3848	13682

* Data total number arrested extracted for the following:

i. Possession of Drugs.

b) The total number of individuals cautioned by your force

Year	Total Cautioned for Possession
2006	172
2007	360
2008	355
2009	310
2010	249
2011	250
2012	192
2013	191
2014	125
2015	109
2016	82

Year	Total Cautioned for Possession With Intent to Supply
2009	3
2010	6
2011	4
2012	3
2013	2
2014	2
2015	2
2016	1

- * Data total number cautioned extracted for the following:
- i. Possession of Cannabis.
 - ii. Possession of Cannabis with intent to supply.

c) The total number of individuals charged by your force

Year	Total Charged for Possession
2006	190
2007	412
2008	332
2009	416
2010	518
2011	507
2012	394
2013	389
2014	436
2015	470
2016	501

Year	Total Charged for Possession With Intent to Supply
2009	116
2010	247
2011	164
2012	116
2013	102
2014	179
2015	162
2016	128

- * Data total number charged extracted for the following:
- i. Possession of Cannabis.
 - ii. Possession of Cannabis with intent to supply.

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.

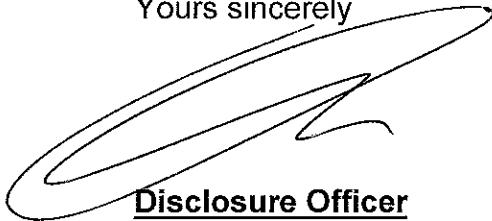
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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Nottinghamshire Police.

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

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
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or 01625 545 745 (national rate)

E-mail: casework@ico.org.uk

