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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 02/12/2015.

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.

I am sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act to ask for the following information:

- 1. The number of complaints or allegations you have received, or been notified of, relating to the sexual abuse of a child or children on the premises of a madrassa or mosque in the following calendar years: a) 2012, b) 2013, c) 2014 and d) 2015 so far.**
- 2. For each allegation in question 1, please state:**
 - a) if there was an investigation by your Force,**
 - b) the number of individuals arrested,**
 - c) number charged,**
 - d) number prosecuted,**
 - e) the details of any resulting convictions and sentences, or acquittals,**
 - f) and if the allegation was not pursued to court, please provide the reasons why.**

3. The number of complaints or allegations you have received, or been notified of, relating to the physical abuse of a child or children on the premises of a madrassa or mosque in the following calendar years: a) 2012, b) 2013, c) 2014 and d) 2015 so far.

4. For each allegation in question 3, please state:

g) if there was an investigation by your Force,

h) the number of individuals arrested,

i) number charged,

j) number prosecuted,

k) the details of any resulting convictions and sentences, or acquittals,

l) and if the allegation was not pursued to court, please provide the reasons why.

I appreciate that where small numbers are involved this could be described as personal information but as I am simply asking for numbers and no details of the madrassas/mosques against which any complaints were made I do not think adults or children will be able to be identified from the information I am asking for.

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at s1(1)(a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. The second duty at s1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

Where exemptions are relied upon Section 17 of the FOIA requires that we provide the applicant with a notice which: a) states that fact b) specifies the exemption(s) in question and c) state (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The information requested relates to personal data and so is exempt from disclosure by virtue of Section 40(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

40. – (2) Any information to which a request for information relates is also exempt information if –

a) it constitutes personal data which do not fall within subsection (1),

This is an Absolute Class Based Exemption which means we do not have to consider the harm or conduct a Public Interest Test under the Freedom of Information Act.

However, by way of further explanation this request captures a very specific community of people as figures are low, disclosure of information would lead to the identification of individuals.

This letter constitutes a refusal notice under Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 with Section 40(2) being applied.

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