



Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commission

Freedom of Information Act

Request Response

No. 09082015-1

Question

This request is made under section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

For the Northamptonshire Police, please provide the following information for each of the years 2005 to 2015 inclusive for which information is available, all of which should be collected under the Northamptonshire Police's statutory duty to record date, including the Public Sector Equality Duty pursuant to the Equality Act 2010:

- a. Please provide a current copy of your Equality and Diversity Policy specifying the section relating to your public Policing functions;
- b. For each of the years 2005 -2015 please provide a copy of your Crime Recording Policy as defined by Section 44 (2 and 3) of The Police Act 1996;
- c. Please state your current definition of Hate Crime?
- d. Please state your current definition of Religious Hate Crime?
- e. Please state your current definition of Islamaphobia?
- f. By reference to each of the years specified please state the total number of:-
 1. incidents;
 2. arrests,
 3. charges and
 4. convictions

reported to you;

For each year specified please provide the above information specifically relation to "Hate Crimes" reported and separately in relation to "Religious Hate Crimes" reported and separately in relation to Islamaphobic Hate Crimes as reported.

- g. In each of the years specified please state whether you have had or have a process /policy in place to record incidents reported to you which relate to religiously aggravated

criminal acts; if so please provide a copy of the policy for each year and the total number of incidents reported for each of the years specified.

h. For each of the years specified please state the total number of arrests, prosecutions brought and convictions under section 28 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and the reasons as recorded by the Prosecutor.

i. For each of the years specified please state the number of unsuccessful convictions under section 28 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and the reasons as recorded by the Prosecutor.

j. For each of the years specified [where relevant] please state the number of arrests, charges and successful convictions under section 29 of the Racial and Religious Hatred Act 2006 and the reasons as recorded by the Prosecutor.

k. For each of the years specified please state the number of unsuccessful convictions under section 29 of the Racial and Religious Hatred Act 2006 and the reasons as recorded by the Prosecutor.

l. Please state the total number of recorded arrests, charges and convictions of criminal acts specified as:-

- i. incited by islamophobic behaviour;
- ii. incidents which are aggravated by islamophobic behaviour; otherwise involving islamophobia to some degree;
- iii. or to which islamophobia was recorded as a factor involved in the arrest, charge or conviction.
- iv. Where "islamophobia" is defined as prejudice against, hatred toward, fear of, hostility toward or dislike of the religion of Islam or Muslim individuals, regardless of whether they are actual or perceived followers of the religion of Islam.

We consider the information requested above is information which should be in the public domain as is disclosable under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. However, should you be minded not to disclose certain categories of information we should be grateful if you would first consider the presumption of openness and transparency which underpins such requests made to a public body. Secondly, if you intend to rely upon any of the exemptions please provide detailed reasons for any non-disclosure and if the exemption is a qualified one please explain the steps you have taken to balance this decision against the public interest in each case.

Answer

I am writing to advise you that, following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested is not held by this Department.

Northamptonshire Police's Information Unit may hold some of the information you are seeking. If you have not already done so, then you may wish to write to Ian Kelly, Freedom of Information and Data Protection Team Leader, Information Unit, Force Headquarters, Wootton Hall, Northampton, NN4 0JQ

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Iain Britton, Chief Executive, Office of the Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner, West Wing, Force Headquarters, Wootton Hall, Northampton, NN4 0JQ

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF