

Dear

I am writing to you in reply to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to Nottinghamshire County Council. Firstly I apologise for the delay in replying to you and hope that it has not caused any inconvenience. I have the following information.

1. *How many Regulation of Investigative Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) Applications were submitted by council staff in 2017, 2018 and 2019?*

2017 – no new applications were made for covert surveillance. Five applications were made for access to communications data to assist with trading Standards investigations.

2018 – no applications were made for covert surveillance. No applications for access to communications data were made that year.

2019 - two applications were made relating to illicit and counterfeit cigarettes and tobacco and five applications were made relating to communications data.

2. *How many council staff are currently trained to enable them to submit a Regulation of Investigative Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) Application?*

There are currently 35 members of staff trained to make RIPA applications.

3. *What was your training budget in 2017, 2018, 2019 for Regulation of Investigative Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) Training?*

There is no specific training budget for RIPA matters.

4. *Was any of your training budget made up by grants? If so, how much?*

N/A – see 3. above

5. *What training courses did you commission in 2018/2019 on the topic of Regulation of Investigative Powers Act 2000 (RIPA)?*

a. *How many sessions of each course did you commission?*

b. *What was the price per course?*

c. *Who delivered each course?*

d. *What was the method of delivery (e.g. face or face, online etc.)*

The training was provided partially by NAFN and partially in house by our legal team. The NAFN training is provided as part of yearly subscription to their service, which covers a wide range of services, including training so it is not possible to calculate the price per course. The NAFN training is delivered by way of live webinar. The in-house legal team training was delivered face to face until Covid-19. It is likely this will be undertaken remotely in the future.

6. *What is the name of the councils Monitoring Officer?*

a. *What are their contact details?*

Marjorie Toward, Monitoring Officer, Nottinghamshire County Council. [monitoring.officer@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:monitoring.officer@nottsc.gov.uk)

7. *What are the names of the councils Authorising Officers?*

a. *What are their contact details?*

The Chief Executive – Anthony May – [anthony.may@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:anthony.may@nottsc.gov.uk)

The Service Director, Place and Communities – Derek Higton – [derek.higton@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:derek.higton@nottsc.gov.uk)

The Service Director, Youth, Families and Social Work – Steve Edwards – [steve.edwards@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:steve.edwards@nottsc.gov.uk)

The Group Manager, Trading Standards and Communities – Mark Walker – [mark.walker@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:mark.walker@nottsc.gov.uk)

8. *When was your last inspection from the Investigatory Powers Commissioner's Office?*

August – December 2019

9. *When is your next inspection from the Investigatory Powers Commissioner's Office?*

It is anticipated that the next IPCO inspection will take place in 2022 as they are carried out every three years.

If you have any queries or concerns then please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information Team, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or e-mail [foi@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:foi@nottscc.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

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