

## NCC-050743-21surveillance operations -RIPA

Dear Requester,

Further to your request for information, we apologise for the delay in responding to your request. Please now see below the information requested.

### **Question 1:**

Please confirm what purposes the 11 data communication acquisitions were authorised for (and what type of data i.e. subscriber details/billing history was obtained).

### **Response:**

In terms of the 11 data communication applications I can clarify that 3 were cancelled prior to submission. The 8 remaining acquisitions 7 related to doorstep crime and 1 related to an unroadworthy car case. The type of data being processed was details of telephone number registration.

### **Question 2:**

Can you please also confirm whether or not it is accurate to say there were only 2 (separate) operations over the requested period (i.e. the comms data acquisitions were linked to these operations- as opposed to being investigations in their own rights).

### **Response:**

There were 2 separate operations which involved RIPA authorisations for targeted surveillance granted within the requested period.

As set out above the communications data related to doorstep crime an unroadworthy care case and were not linked to the operations involving the targeted surveillance.

### **Question 3:**

Please can you state the number of days in total your council was authorised (by a judge) to carry out the RIPA operation over the requested period (01/01/18 to 28/02/21). Please can you answer this in days, not months? assuming this is 180 days- but please can you confirm

### **Response:**

As per the corrected response to the FOI request dated 13 April 2021 we assume that the period you wish to refer to here is 28 days and 8 hours. I can confirm that the total number of days that the council was authorised to carry out targeted surveillance for the two operations over the requested period was 28 days and 8 hours.

### **Question 4:**

If known, please can you state how long the actual surveillance activity took in days (or if less in hours) overall for all of the RIPA operation over the requested period? By 'actual' surveillance I mean, for instance, how long officers were physically conducting covert surveillance in a public place?

### **Response:**

Please see response to question 3.

### **Question 5:**

Please can you tell me the number of days in total the RIPA operation was active for. By 'active' I mean the date from the day the first bit of surveillance activity occurred to the day the last

operation was terminated (in your case was this two days?) Assuming this is 24 days- but please can you confirm.

**Response:**

As per the corrected response to the FOI request dated 13 April 2021 we assume that the period you wish to refer to here is 28 days and 8 hours. The total number of days the RIPA operation was active was 28 days and 8 hours.

We trust this now satisfies your request, and should you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me directly on the details below. In addition to this and for future reference Nottingham County Council regularly publishes previous FOIR,s and answers on its website, under Disclosure logs. (see link)

<http://site.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/>

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