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13th November 2013

Dear

Re: Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Thank you for your request for information, which was received by the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner on 12th November 2013.

INFORMATION REQUESTED

Police Dog Retirement Fund

- Why the program is a 3 years program (why not 2 or 4)?
- I don't get how the scheme will be financed? Fund based on charity?
- How many dogs are actually working for the Nottinghamshire police and crime commissioner?
- If I have understood it well, only the medical expenses related to work injuries / illnesses will be reimbursed?
- What about, the expenses due to old age and the general cares? Why they are not included in it?

RESPONSE

Under S 1 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), I can confirm that the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner does hold the information you have requested.

Please find below answers to your questions:-

- The programme is for 3 years as this is generally when we review policies.
- The programme will be funded by the Force with a possibility of exploring generating income from donations and fund raising work.
- There are currently 26 dogs working for the Force.
- The programme will cover the medical costs that are incurred whilst working for the Force. Many of the dogs retire fit and healthy. Some may sustain injuries/illnesses and require medication and treatment which is paid for whilst working. A dog that develops a condition after the first 3 years of retiring will be assessed by an independent veterinary as to whether the illness/injury is due to age of the dog, an unrelated condition since retirement or a condition more than likely caused by working conditions. If the latter is the case then payment will be made for treatment.

As advised in my earlier correspondence all the above and more information can be found by following the link below.

<http://www.nottinghamshire.pcc.police.uk/Document-Library/Public-Information/Decisions/2013-026-Animal-Welfare---Medical-Costs-after-retirement.pdf>

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact the Freedom of Information Officer on telephone number 101 Ext 801 2008 or e-mail nopcc@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Pearson', written in a cursive style.

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