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Dear

**Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 002809/16**

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk Constabulary on the 25<sup>th</sup> July 2016 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 The number of arrests broken down by year of the following offences since they came into effect (unless stated otherwise):
  - Kerb Crawling - Sections 1 of the Sexual Offences Act 1985 (figures from 2004)
  - Soliciting in a public place – Section 51A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 (as inserted by Section 19 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009).
  - Trafficking for sexual exploitation -Sections 57, 58 and 59 Sexual offences Act 2003, plus Section 59a (in effect from 2013) broken down by section and year.
  - Sex with a coerced, deceived or threatened person - 53A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 (as inserted by section 14 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009
  - Offence of slavery, servitude or forced and compulsory labour - Section 1 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015
  - Human trafficking - Section 2 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015
  - Committing an offence with the intention of committing human trafficking - Section 4 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015
- 2 The number of detained and forfeited vehicles (including ships and aircraft) in relation to trafficking for sexual exploitation by year under each act since they came into effect.
  - Forfeiture - Sections 60A of the Sexual Offences Act and Section 11 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015
  - Detention - Sections 60B of the Sexual Offences Act and Section 12 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015
- 3 Current Force Policy documents on Trafficking and Persons Trafficked for Sexual Exploitation.
- 4 Number of staff (Full time equivalent) dedicated to sex trafficking enforcement and prevention in financial years 2013, 2014 and 2015, broken down by year.
- 5 Annual Budget allocated to the enforcement and prevention of sex trafficking financial years 2013, 2014 and 2015, broken down by year.

Norfolk Constabulary holds information relevant to your request.

## Response to your Request

Norfolk Constabulary has located the following information as relevant to your request.

Arrests are recorded in such a way that each record would need to be manually reviewed in order to retrieve information relevant to your request. We have therefore carried out research based on recorded crimes. With regard to question 1 we have only been able to retrieve data from 2006 onwards.

Q1

2007	
Kerb Crawling - Sections 1 of the Sexual Offences Act 1985 (figures from 2004)	19
2008	
Kerb Crawling - Sections 1 of the Sexual Offences Act 1985 (figures from 2004)	8
Offence of slavery, servitude or forced and compulsory labour - Section 1 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015	1
2009	
Kerb Crawling - Sections 1 of the Sexual Offences Act 1985 (figures from 2004)	1
2011	
Soliciting in a public place – Section 51A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 (as inserted by Section 19 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009).	1
Sex with a coerced, deceived or threatened person - 53A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 (as inserted by section 14 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009	1
2012	
Trafficking for sexual exploitation -Sections 57, 58 and 59 Sexual offences Act 2003, plus Section 59a (in effect from 2013) broken down by section and year.	2
2014	
Soliciting in a public place – Section 51A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 (as inserted by Section 19 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009	2
2015	
Committing an offence with the intention of committing human trafficking - Section 4 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015	2
2016	
Offence of slavery, servitude or forced and compulsory labour - Section 1 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015	8
Human trafficking - Section 2 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015	4

Q2 No information held.

Q3 Please see attached drafted policy document. This is a Joint Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary policy entitled 'Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking'. Please note although this is the current policy, this is now due to be reviewed and may be subject to future changes.

An internal URL has been removed from the policy due to exemptions within the Act.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires that Norfolk Constabulary, when refusing to provide information (because the information is exempt) is to provide you, the applicant, with a refusal notice which:-

- a. States that fact;
- b. Specifies the exemption(s) in question and;
- c. States (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption(s) applies.

The information is exempt from disclosure by virtue of the following exemption:-

- Section 31(1)(a)(b) Law enforcement

Section 31 is a qualified prejudice based exemption and therefore we are obliged to provide evidence of harm and a public interest test.

#### Evidence of Harm

The Police Service is charged with enforcing the law, preventing and detecting crime and protecting the communities we serve. Providing internal URLs would be a release of technical information of a part of the Constabularies network to the public as a whole. This could lead to a security risk of Constabulary systems.

#### Factors favouring disclosure

Disclosure would show openness and transparency which is the fundamental basis of the Freedom of Information Act.

#### Factors against disclosure

Disclosure could provide those intent on disrupting police activities with useful information to assist in planning an attempt to access force systems. This would be detrimental to the effective operation of police activities.

If the public believed that the Constabularies were releasing information that could be used to undermine the security of force systems, this would result in reduced public confidence in the way the Constabularies manage their information security.

#### Balance Test

It could be argued that this link would not be accessible to individuals outside of the force network and therefore there would be no harm in disclosure. Due to this reason, there is also little public interest in providing this link as it is not accessible. However, the details of the link could provide information that would be useful to individuals who are interested in attacking force systems in order to disrupt the Constabularies law enforcement capabilities.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act this letter serves as a refusal notice for this part of your request.

Q4 The Constabulary does not have staff who are dedicated purely to sex trafficking enforcement and prevention.

Q5 There is no dedicated annual budget.