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Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 001084/19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk Constabulary on the 19th March 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 How many homicide investigations were launched in each of the calendar years from 2008 to 2018?
- 2 What was the total number of homicide investigations that were being actively investigated in each of those calendar years (2008 to 2018)?
- 3 In each of those calendar years (2008-2018) how many detectives were actively working in the murder investigation teams? If possible, can you list by rank?
- 4 In each of those calendar years how many Crime SIOs did you have working in the force on a specialist murder team? If possible, can you also break down by rank?

Response to your Request

When responding to a request for information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, a public authority is not obliged to provide information if the authority estimates that the cost of the retrieval of the information requested would be in excess of £450 (equivalent to 18 hours work).

The costs criteria relates to a request in its entirety, which means that if we cannot retrieve all of the information requested within the costs limit, we are not obliged to retrieve *any* of the information requested.

The Norfolk Constabulary estimates that to retrieve all the information you have requested would exceed cost in excess of £450.

With regard to question 2, this information is not held in any easily retrievable format. In order to identify relevant information, we believe the most accurate way to do this would be to review investigations held on HOLMES. However, it would be necessary to manually research each case in order to see which ones were actively being investigated. This would be an enormous task which would significantly exceed 18 hours.

This would exceed the appropriate limit for dealing with Freedom of Information requests, in terms of costs, and therefore Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act applies.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act states that a public authority is not obliged to:

“...comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit”.

The Freedom of Information (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, defines the ‘appropriate limit’ for the Norfolk Constabulary as £450, and specifies that this sum equates to 18 hours work at a standard rate of £25 per hour.

In accordance with Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act (2000), this serves as a Refusal Notice for your request.

Advice and Assistance

Although excess cost removes the Constabulary's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relevant to your request, which was retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

The response provided below is correct as of 11th April 2019.

Q1 The following figures have been extracted from the Constabulary's crime systems. Included in the figures are all offences of Murder, Manslaughter and Corporate Manslaughter. The Major Investigation Team have not necessarily been involved in the investigations of all of these crimes.

Year	Number of Homicides
2008	13
2009	8
2010	6
2011	9
2012	8
2013	4
2014	5
2015	7
2016	8
2017	9
2018	6

The figures below refer to Norfolk establishment only. Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have a Joint Major Investigations Team. With regard to senior ranks, officers will cover both Norfolk and Suffolk Teams, therefore depending on who are in those roles, will appear on either Norfolk or Suffolk establishment.

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Rank	Head Count	FTE
2008		
D/Ch Insp Major Investigations Team	1	1.0
D/Insp Major Investigations Team	2	2.0
Holmes Supervisor Det Sgt	2	2.0
Holmes Training DC	1	1.0
MIT DC Team 1	6	6.0
MIT DC Team 2	6	6.0
MIT DC Team 3	6	5.4
MIT DC Team 4	6	5.9

MIT Det Sgt Team 1	1	1.0
MIT Det Sgt Team 2	1	1.0
MIT Det Sgt Team 3	1	1.0
MIT Det Sgt Team 4	1	1.0
2009		
D/Insp (DSIO)	2	2.0
D/Sgt ETL	2	2.0
D/Sgt Intelligence	1	1.0
DI Joint Witness Protection Unit Manager	1	1.0
Enquiry DC	15	14.3
Sgt Holmes Supervisor	2	2.0
2010		
D/Ch Insp (SIO)	1	1.0
D/Insp (DSIO)	2	2.0
D/Sgt ETL	2	2.0
D/Sgt Holmes Supervisor	2	2.0
D/Sgt Intelligence	1	1.0
Enquiry DC	15	14.3
Holmes Mgr DC	2	2.0
2011		
D/Ch Insp (SIO)	1	1.0
D/Insp (DSIO)	2	2.0
D/Sgt ETL	2	2.0
D/Sgt Holmes Supervisor	1	1.0
D/Sgt Intelligence	1	1.0
Enquiry DC	14	12.9
Holmes Mgr DC	3	3.0
2012		
D/Ch Insp (SIO)	1	1.0
D/Insp (DSIO)	2	2.0
D/Sgt ETL	2	2.0
D/Sgt Intelligence	2	2.0
Enquiry DC	15	13.8
Holmes Mgr DC	1	1.0
Intelligence Development DC	1	1.0
2013		
D/Ch Insp (SIO)	2	2.0
D/Insp (DSIO)	2	2.0
D/Sgt ETL	2	2.0
D/Sgt Holmes Supervisor	1	1.0
D/Sgt Intelligence	1	1.0
Enquiry DC	14	13.2

Holmes Manager DC (Reader)	2	2.0
Intelligence Development DC	1	1.0
2014		
D/Ch Insp (SIO)	3	3.0
D/Insp (DSIO)	2	2.0
D/Sgt ETL	2	2.0
D/Sgt Holmes Supervisor	1	1.0
D/Sgt Intelligence	1	1.0
Enquiry DC	11	10.2
Holmes Manager DC (Reader)	1	1.0
Intelligence Development DC	2	2.0
2015		
Det Chief Inspector-SIO DCI	2	2
Det Constable-Enquiry DC	12	11.36
Det Constable-Holmes Manager DC (Reader)	1	1
Det Constable-Intelligence Development Officer (MIT)	2	2
Det Inspector-DSIO DI	2	2
Det Sergeant-ETL DS	2	2
Det Sergeant-Holmes Supervisor DS	2	2
Det Sergeant-Intelligence DS	1	1
Det Superintendent-MIT Supt	1	1
2016		
Det Chief Inspector-SIO DCI	3	3
Det Constable-Enquiry DC	13	12.36
Det Constable-Holmes Manager DC (Reader)	1	1
Det Constable-Intelligence Development Officer (MIT)	2	2
Det Inspector-DSIO DI	3	3
Det Sergeant-Disclosure Unit DS	1	1
Det Sergeant-ETL DS	2	2
Det Sergeant-Holmes Supervisor DS	1	1
Det Sergeant-Intelligence DS	1	1
Det Superintendent-MIT Supt	1	1
2017		
Det Chief Inspector-SIO DCI	1	1
Det Constable-Enquiry DC	13	12.56
Det Constable-Holmes Manager DC (Reader)	1	1
Det Constable-Intelligence Development Officer (MIT)	1	1
Det Inspector-DSIO DI	3	2.8
Det Sergeant-Disclosure Unit DS	1	1
Det Sergeant-ETL DS	2	2
Det Sergeant-Holmes Supervisor DS	1	1
Det Sergeant-Intelligence DS	1	1

2018		
Det Chief Inspector-SIO DCI	1	1
Det Constable-Enquiry DC	12	11.6
Det Constable-Holmes Manager DC (Reader)	1	1
Det Constable-Intelligence Development Officer (MIT)	1	1
Det Inspector-DSIO DI	2	1.8
Det Sergeant-ETL DS	2	2
Det Sergeant-Holmes Supervisor DS	1	1
Det Sergeant-Intelligence DS	1	1

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SIO by Rank	Head Count	FTE
2009		
D/Insp (DSIO)	2	2.0
2010		
D/Ch Insp (SIO)	1	1.0
D/Insp (DSIO)	2	2.0
2011		
D/Ch Insp (SIO)	1	1.0
D/Insp (DSIO)	2	2.0
2012		
D/Ch Insp (SIO)	1	1.0
D/Insp (DSIO)	2	2.0
2013		
D/Ch Insp (SIO)	2	2.0
D/Insp (DSIO)	2	2.0
2014		
D/Ch Insp (SIO)	3	3.0
D/Insp (DSIO)	2	2.0
2015		
Det Chief Inspector-SIO DCI	2	2
Det Inspector-DSIO DI	2	2
2016		
Det Chief Inspector-SIO DCI	3	3
Det Inspector-DSIO DI	3	3
2017		
Det Chief Inspector-SIO DCI	1	1
Det Inspector-DSIO DI	3	2.8
2018		
Det Chief Inspector-SIO DCI	1	1
Det Inspector-DSIO DI	2	1.8