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I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk Constabulary on the 13th March 2020 in which you sought access to the following information:

- Please can you tell me the following information for the last 10 financial years: 2009/10; 2010/11; 2011/12; 2012/13; 2013/14; 2014/15; 2015/16; 2016/17; 2017/18; 2018/19
- 1 number of crimes committed by children aged under 10
 - 2 nature of the crimes

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 24th March 2020.

Norfolk Constabulary has considered your request and our response is below.

Research has been undertaken of all recorded crimes where the suspect's date of birth identifies them as aged under 10 years at the time of the offence. It should be noted that within the figures, there are a number of crimes where the age is either 0, 1 or 2 years old. These are likely to be due to an error when inputting the year of birth. For this reason, we have provided a table showing the number of crimes by age.

Children under the age of 10 years old are not considered to have reached an age where they can be held responsible for their crimes. Because they are under the age of 'criminal responsibility', they cannot be charged with any criminal offence.

Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide crime statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the crime data. It should be noted that for these reasons this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.

Suspect Age	Financial Year										
	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Total
0		1		3	2	1	2				9
1				1		3		1	1	4	10
2	1				2	2	1		5	2	13
3	2	1		1		2	1	1	2	8	18
4	2	2	2	1	1	7	3	2	9	7	36
5	2	1	5		4	3	6	16	20	8	65
6	10	9	7	4	8	11	20	20	30	30	149
7	18	9	21	6	9	18	46	30	42	38	237
8	24	20	24	20	15	38	50	56	55	51	353
9	45	60	37	35	28	73	79	72	106	109	644
Total	104	103	96	71	69	158	208	198	270	257	1534

Offence Category	Financial Year											
	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Total	
Aggravated Vehicle Taking		1									1	
Arson	3	2	1	1		1		2	3		13	
Bicycle Theft	2	3	3		1	3	1		3	1	17	
Burglary – Business and Community									1	1	2	
Burglary - Residential	1			1	1	4			1		8	
Burglary Non-Dwelling	5	1					4	1			11	
Criminal Damage	53	58	44	33	10	34	29	37	35	27	360	
Misc Crimes Against Society							1	4	10	9	24	
Other Offences Public Order		1					2		3	4	10	

Other Sexual Offences	3	3	4	1	11	16	34	25	37	26	160
Other Theft	2	4	2	4	6	6	2	4	1	5	36
Possession Of Drugs				1							1
Possession Of Weapons	1						1	5	2	2	11
Public Fear, Alarm Or Distress							6	4	11	17	38
Race Or Religious Or Religious Aggravated Public Fear								3	6	2	11
Rape			1	2	6	6	10	18	21	5	69
Robbery Of Personal Property								2			2
Shoplifting	17	11	11	6	9	9	18	8	13	2	104
Stalking And Harassment			3	1		5	1		5	6	21
Theft From A Vehicle								1			1
Theft From The Person		2				1					3
Theft Or Unauthorised Taking Of A Motor Vehicle			1			3					4
Trafficking Of Drugs				1							1
Vehicle Offences	2			1			1				4
Violence With Injury	12	15	19	19	24	68	69	29	44	60	359
Violence Without Injury	3	2	7		1	2	29	55	74	90	263
Total	104	103	96	71	69	158	208	198	270	257	1534