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Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 001477/19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk Constabulary on the 16th April 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 The number of child abduction warning notices issued by the force so far in 2019 and in each of the calendar years from 2015 to 2018;
- 2 The number of recovery orders (section 50 Children Act 1989) applied for by the force in 2019 so far and each of the calendar years from 2015 to 2018 and the number of recovery orders granted for the same period.
- 3 The number of Slavery and trafficking risk orders and interim Slavery and trafficking risk orders applied for by the force in 2019 so far and each of the calendar years from 2015 to 2018 and the corresponding total of orders or interim orders granted for the same period;
- 4 The number of slavery and trafficking prevention orders (STPO) obtained by the force in 2019 so far and each of the calendar years from 2015 to 2018;
- 5 The number of sexual risk orders obtained by the force in 2019 so far and each of the calendar years from 2015 to 2018;
- 6 The number of Sexual harm prevention orders obtained by the force in 2019 so far and each of the calendar years from 2015 to 2018;
- 7 The number of notification orders (under section 97 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003) obtained by the force in 2019 so far and each of the calendar years from 2015 to 2018;
- 8 The number of instances a child has been removed and accommodated by the force in a case of emergency (under Section 46 Children Act 1989) in 2019 so far and each of the calendar years from 2015 to 2018;
- 9 The number of so-called "gang injunctions", that is injunctions to prevent gang-related violence and drug-dealing activity (Section 34 Policing and Crime Act 2009) in 2019 so far and each of the calendar years from 2015 to 2018;
- 10 The number of written notices (under section 116-118 Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014) sent to the owner, operator or manager of a hotel or a similar establishment which the force reasonably believes has been, or will be used for CSE or related activities, in 2019 so far and each of the calendar years from 2015 to 2018;
- 11 The number of Drug Dealing Telecommunications Restriction Order (DDTRO) (Section 80A Serious Crime Act 2015 and Drug Dealing Telecommunications Restriction Orders Regulations 2017.) obtained by the force in 2019 so far and each of the calendar years from 2015 to 2018;

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.

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

With regard to question 8 of your request, information regarding the number of times that police have removed a child in a case of emergency and placed them into suitable accommodation, including local authority accommodation, a registered children's home or foster care, this information is not collated or held in any easily retrievable format. It would be necessary to review individual incidents/cases to see where this has occurred.

This would be an enormous task which would significantly exceed the appropriate limit for dealing with a Freedom of Information request, 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 & 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.

Q1

Child Abduction Warning Notices	
Year	Number
2015	24
2016	10
2017	10
2018	16

Q2 No relevant information held. This information may be held by the Local Authority.

Q5

Sexual Risk Orders	
Year	Number
2015	1
2016	2
2017	2
2018	7

Q6 The Legal Services Department only deal with civil standalone Sexual Harm Prevention Order applications. Most SHPOs are granted on conviction and therefore applied for by the CPS.

Sexual Harm Prevention Orders	
Year	Number
2015	2
2016	3
2017	1
2018	1

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Notification Orders (under section 97 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003)	
Year	Number
2015	0
2016	3
2017	3
2018	12