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Dear

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 000181/16

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk Constabulary on the 13 January 2016 in which you sought access to the following information:

Please could you give me the following figures for the year ending 2015 (up to end of December 2015):

- 1) In your region, how many people were caught carrying knives?
- 2) In your region, how many people were victims of knife crime (wounding / stabbing etc)?
- 3) In your region, how many people were convicted of knife crime (both carrying and using knives)?

Norfolk Constabulary does hold information relevant to your request.

Response to your Request

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

A search has been completed by the Constabulary's Joint Performance and Analyses Department (JPAD) for all offences recorded concerning knife crimes.

The following table confirms the total number of offences concerning persons caught carrying knives and victims of knife crime.

Please be aware that the possession of knife offences were filtered where there was an offender and the 'Instrument Used Sub Type' was recorded as a 'knife'.

The victims of knife crime were where the 'Instrument Used Sub Type' was 'knife' and relate to any offence code.

The offences refer to the Home Office descriptions of '10D. Possession of article with blade or point' or '10C. Possession of other weapons'.

The Constabulary does not hold conviction data however, have included all offences where the outcome is recorded as 'Outcome 1 - Charged'

Norfolk - 01/01/2015 to 31/12/15	
How Many People Were Caught Carrying Knives	19

How Many People Were Victims Of Knife Crime	101
How Many People Were Convicted Of Knife Crime	47

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.

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Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact me quoting the reference number shown above.