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Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 000235/17

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk Constabulary on the 12th January 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

I would like to know how many sexual offences were recorded by your police force at schools during the last three academic years, from September 2013 to September 2016, and for the term from September 2016 to December 2016.

Specifically:

- 1 How many alleged sex offences (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on school premises between 1st September 2013 and 1st September 2014?
 - I Within this, how many alleged sex offences (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes on school premises, where the victim was aged 18 and under?
 - II how many of these alleged sex offences (including breakdown) involved a perpetrator aged 18 and under?
 - III How many alleged sex offences (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes on school premises involving technology - eg. sexting, online harassment and abuse, where the victim was aged 18 and under?

- 2 How many alleged sex offences (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on school premises between 1st September 2014 and 1st September 2015?
 - I Within this, how many alleged sex offences (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes on school premises, where the victim was aged 18 and under?
 - II How many of these alleged sex offences (including breakdown) involved a perpetrator aged 18 and under?
 - III How many alleged sex offences (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes on school premises involving technology - eg. sexting, online harassment and abuse, where the victim was aged 18 and under?

- 3 How many alleged sex offences (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on school premises between 1st September 2015 and 1st September 2016?
 - I Within this, how many alleged sex offences (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes on school premises, where the victim was aged 18 and under?
 - II How many of these alleged sex offences (including breakdown) involved a perpetrator aged 18 and under?
 - III How many alleged sex offences (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes on school premises involving technology - eg. sexting, online harassment and abuse, where the victim was aged 18 and under?

- 4 How many alleged sex offences (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on school premises between 2nd September 2016 and 31st December 2016?
- I Within this, how many alleged sex offences (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes on school premises, where the victim was aged 18 and under?
 - II How many of these alleged sex offences (including breakdown) involved a perpetrator aged 18 and under?
 - III How many alleged sex offences (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes on school premises involving technology - eg. sexting, online harassment and abuse, where the victim was aged 18 and under?

Norfolk Constabulary holds information relevant to your request.

Response to your Request

When responding to a request for information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act (2000), 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 of the information you have requested would exceed cost in excess of £450.

In order to establish what information is held, relevant to your request, we have contacted our Joint Performance and Analysis Department (JPAD). They have carried out research of the Constabulary's crime systems where 'school' or 'academy' appears in the organisation or premises name. This has returned 187 sexual offences for the period requested. To confirm if the offence had occurred on school premises, each of these would need to be manually reviewed. It is possible that the school has been recorded as the crime location because it was reported to someone at the school.

In addition to this offences such as harassment and sexting, that have an online element, are not recorded as a sexual offence. Therefore JPAD has undertaken a review of crimes that have a 'cyber-enabled' or 'online crime' indicator. Any results are dependent on an officer selecting this as an option when the crime report is being completed. This research has taken 5.5 hours to complete.

Therefore to carry out the manual review of the 187 crimes and to review other relevant crimes relating to schools, to see if they relate to sexting, online harassment, etc, this would exceed the 18 hour limit.

As advised, 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 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.

We have provided below sexual offence crimes which have a location of either 'school' or 'academy'. As advised above, these would need to be further reviewed to confirm that the offence has taken place on school premises. Please note a new crime system was introduced in October 2015, therefore the offence wording has changed since that date.

Sexual Offence Type	01/09/2013 to 31/08/2014
17A. Sexual assault on a male aged 13 and over	3
17B. Sexual assault on a male child under 13	8
19C. Rape of a female aged 16 and over	1
19D. Rape of a female child under 16	1
19G. Rape of a male child under 16	1
19H. Rape of a male child under 13	3
20A. Sexual assault on a female aged 13 and over	7
20B. Sexual assault on a female child under 13	5
21. Sexual Activity involving a child under 13	3
22B. Sexual activity involving child under 16	3
88E. Exposure and voyeurism	3
Grand Total	38

Sexual Offence Type	01/09/2014 to 31/08/2015
17A. Sexual assault on a male aged 13 and over	6
17B. Sexual assault on a male child under 13	5
19C. Rape of a female aged 16 and over	2
19D. Rape of a female child under 16	1
19G. Rape of a male child under 16	1
19H. Rape of a male child under 13	1
20A. Sexual assault on a female aged 13 and over	9
20B. Sexual assault on a female child under 13	12
21. Sexual Activity involving a child under 13	10
22B. Sexual activity involving child under 16	3
73. Abuse of position of trust	5
Grand Total	55

Sexual Offence Type	01/09/2015 to 31/08/2016
19D. Rape of a female child under 16	1
19H. Rape of a male child under 13	1

20A. Sexual assault on a female aged 13 and over	2
22B. Sexual activity involving child under 16	1
Sexual Assault on a female	19
Assault of a female child under 13 by penetration	1
Assault on a female by penetration	1
Assault of a male child under 13 by penetration	1
Rape of a female (16 or over)	3
Rape of a female (under 13)	1
Rape of a male (under 13)	2
Sexual activity with a female child under 16 by penetration – Offender 18 or over	1
Sexual Assault on a male child under 13	2
Causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity	3
Rape of a female (under 16)	2
Rape of a male (under 16)	1
Sexual assault of a female child under 13	7
Abuse of position of trust: sexual activity with a female child aged 13-17	7
Causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity: Male child no penetration	1
Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity no penetration – offender under 18	2
Sexual activity with a female child under 16 by penetration – offender under 18	4
Causing or inciting a male child under 16 to engage in sexual activity no penetration – offender 18 or over	1
Exposure	1
Grand Total	65

Sexual Offence Type	01/09/2016 to 31/12/2016
Rape of a female (under 13)	1
Rape of a male (under 13)	1
Sexual activity with a female child under 16 by penetration – Offender 18 or over	1
Sexual Assault on a male child under 13	2
Causing a child under 16 to watch a sexual act – offender aged under 18	1
Rape of a female (under 16)	1
Attempted rape of a male (under 13)	1
Attempted – Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity no penetration – offender 18 or over	1
Sexual assault of a female child under 13	5
Sexual assault on a male	1
Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity no penetration – offender under 18	1
Sexual activity with a child under 13 by an offender under 18 years of age: Female child no penetration	1
Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity no penetration – offender 18 or over	1
Abuse of position of trust: causing or inciting a child to	1

engage in sexual activity – male child aged 13-17 Suspect aged 18 or over	
Exposure	1
Sexual assault on a female	8
Sexual activity with a male child under 16 by penetration – Offender under 18	2
Grand Total	30

This response will be published on the Norfolk Constabulary's web-site under the Freedom of Information pages:-

<https://www.norfolk.police.uk/about-us/our-data/disclosure-log>

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