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Dear

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 002414/16

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk Constabulary on the 21st June 2016 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 The number of motorists in your force area who have been given penalty points over the past five years, broken down by the year. Please can you provide figures for 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 so far.
- 2 The total number of penalty points issued in your force area over the past five years, broken down by year. Please can you provide figures for 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 so far.
- 3 The five most common offences in your force area for which you have given out penalty points over the past two years (e.g. drink driving, dangerous driving, speeding, drug driving etc.).

Norfolk Constabulary holds information relevant to your request.

Response to your Request

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

The Constabulary can only provide details of the number of fixed penalties that have been issued for endorsable offences. Where an individual has been arrested and been to court in relation to a driving offence, for example drink or drug driving, or where a speeding case has resulted in a court appearance, the Constabulary does not hold details of the number of penalty points that may have been given as part of the court outcome.

Where a fixed penalty has been issued and paid, this will also result in the driver's licence being endorsed with 3 points. The exception to this is where a driver has been given a fixed penalty for no insurance. In these cases, 6 penalty points are given.

Further details can be found within the Home Office Fixed Penalty Notice Guidance, for which I have provided a link below:-

http://www.cps.gov.uk/legal/assets/uploads/files/OD_000055.pdf

The following table provides the number of penalty notices that have been paid. For the years 2015 and 2016, we have also been able to provide the top 5 offences. The number of penalty points issued is not held and the Constabulary is only obliged to consider the publication of recorded information, held at the time of receiving a request for that information, and we are not obliged to create information in order to provide a response to a Freedom of Information request.

Year	Number of Fixed Penalties paid and therefore the number of licences endorsed with penalty points
2011	18,401
2012	19,629
2013	18,262
2014	19,463
2015	16,534
2016	4,686

Year	Top 5 offences for Endorsable FPs
2015	Excess speed 30mph
	Excess Speed 70mph
	Excess Speed 40mph
	Excess Speed 50mph
	Excess Speed Goods Vehicle 60mph
2016	Excess Speed 30mph
	Excess Speed 70mph
	Excess Speed 40mph
	Excess Speed Goods Vehicle 60mph
	Excess Speed 60mph