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CONSTABULARY  
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August 2020

**Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 002459/20**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk Constabulary on the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020 in which you sought access to the following information:

Could you please disclose how many people were charged with driving offences involving drinks and/or drugs, and failing to give a specimen in Norwich between 1 July 2019, and 30 June 2020?

Could you please disclose line by line how many people were fined due to or charged with speeding offences in Norwich and what speed they were driving at when they got caught between 1 July 2019, and 30 June 2020?

Could you please disclose how many people were fined due to or charged with "driving using a mobile phone" in Norwich between 1 July 2019, and 30 June 2020?

**Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 13<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

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

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.

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

If an individual is arrested for driving under the influence of drink or drugs, this is a non-notifiable offence and therefore no crime is recorded. We therefore can only undertake research of custody records for these offences. It is not possible to electronically identify arrests that have taken place in Norwich only. A manual review of all arrest records, for these offences, would be required. This would be a significant task which would considerably exceed 18 hours.

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 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 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 the number of offences of speeding in Norwich, broken down by outcome.

<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Number of Offences</b>
Paid / Licence Endorsed	2594
Prosecuted	904
Retraining Course Attended And Completed	4212
Cancelled	1302
Not Yet Completed	1231
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>10243</b>

The following figures are for driving whilst using a mobile device in Norwich.

<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Number of Offences</b>
Cancelled	2
Paid / Licence Endorsed	28
Prosecuted	13
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>43</b>

You may also like to take a look at previous FOI responses which are published via the link below:  
<https://www.norfolk.police.uk/about-us/our-data/disclosure-log>