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Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 002534/19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk Constabulary on the 15th July 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 The number of compensation settlements paid by your force to members of the public.
 - May you please provide the figures per year in the last five financial years (2019/18, 2018/17, 2017/16, 2016/2015 and 2015/14)
 - I.e in the financial year, 2016/5, 11 compensation settlements were paid.
- 2 The total sum paid in compensation to members of the public.
 - May you please provide the figures per year in the last five financial years (2019/18, 2018/17, 2017/16, 2016/2015 and 2015/14)
 - I.e in the financial year, 2016/5, 11 compensation settlements were paid totalling £2500
- 3 In each instance, may you please provide brief details of the nature of the damages for which members of the public were compensated.
 - May you please provide the information per financial year within the last five financial years. (2019/18, 2018/17, 2017/16, 2016/2015 and 2015/14)
 - I.e in the financial year, 2016/5, 11 compensation settlements were paid totally £2500. 7 cases related to Unlawful arrest and detention and 4 related to assault and battery

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 6th August 2019.

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

Research has been undertaken by our Legal Services of Public Liability Claims only and the figures are for actual settlements made in the requested periods. The information has been extracted from the claims management system and relates to actual payments.

Q1

Financial Year	Number of Settlements
2018/19	12
2017/18	16
2016/17	18
2015/16	19
2014/15	30

Q2

Financial Year	Total Paid
2018/19	£27,103.13
2017/18	£51,754.88
2016/17	£14,500.79
2015/16	£48,734.79
2014/15	£242,685.68*

*One payment during this year represents a global offer for damages and costs. We do not know how the claimant and their solicitor apportioned the damages and costs.

Q3 Please note, some claims have more than one cause of action.

Financial Year	Nature of Claim
2018/19	Property related (lost, damaged, destroyed) x 9 Wrongful arrest x 2 Data protection breach x 1
2017/18	Property related (lost, damaged, destroyed) x 9 Wrongful arrest x 5 Assault x 3 Breach of human rights x 2 Trespass x 2 Misfeasance in a public office x 2 Malicious prosecution x 2 Data protection breach x 1 Harassment x 1 Negligence x 1
2016/17	Property related (lost, damaged, destroyed) x 14 Wrongful arrest x 4 Assault x 3 Breach of human rights x 1 Misfeasance in a public office x 1
2015/16	Property related (lost, damaged, destroyed) x 15 Wrongful arrest x 2 Assault x 3 Breach of human rights x 1 Trespass x 1
2014/15	Property related (lost, damaged, destroyed) x 19 Wrongful arrest x 5 Assault x 5 Breach of human rights x 3 Breach of contract x 2 Negligence x 1 Malicious prosecution x 1