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Dear

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 002937/16

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk Constabulary on the 3rd August 2016 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 How many rapes were reported to your Police Force from 1st January 2015 – 31st December 2015?
- 2 How many were adult cases, how many where both victim and offender under 16 cases, and how many were adult with victim under 16 cases.
- 3 How many involved victims with mental health issues?
- 4 The amount of rapes that include drugs/alcohol and if possible figures to show how many victims, offenders or both were intoxicated?
- 5 Methods of disposal such as No Crime, No further action, Case progressed to court, Convictions at court, and could I have the figures for each

01-Charged/Summonsed

02-Caution – youths

05-Offender Died

10-Not in public interest (Police)

11-Prosecution prevented – suspect under age

12-Prosecution prevented – suspect ill

14-Evidential difficulties victim based – suspect not identified

15-Evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim supports police action

16-Evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support police action

18-Investigation complete - no suspect identified

No Outcome Assigned - could be New / Under Investigation

Of the ** charged and summonsed, the outcomes at court are as follows:

Convicted/Imprisoned

Ongoing – Sent to Crown Court

Not Guilty / NFA / Discharged

- 6 If any expert witnesses were used with in the cases, such as NCA, Psychologists, counsellors?
- 7 Who made the disposal decisions, supervision such as SIO's or CPS?

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, 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.

In order to establish what information is held, relevant to your request, we have contacted our Joint Performance and Analysis Department. They have advised that during the 2015 calendar year, the Constabulary recorded 476 crimes for the offence of Rape. In order to answer questions 3, 4, 6 and 7, it would be necessary to manually review the details of each investigation, as this information is not held in any easily retrievable format.

Based on a minimum of 10 minutes per crime, to review each of these would exceed the appropriate limit for dealing with a Freedom of Information request, 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 & 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.

A new crime recording system was introduced in October 2015 and you will see that the offences are listed slightly differently, from that date, in the table below.

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Offence	Number of Crimes
Rape Of A Female Aged 16 Or Over	240
Rape Of A Female Child Under 13 By A Male	35
Rape Of A Female Under 16	67
Rape Of A Male Child Under 13 By A Male	16
Rape Of Male Aged 16 Or Over	9
Rape Of Male Aged Under 16	10
Attempted rape of a female (16 or over) (Indictable)	1

Attempted rape of a female (under 16) (Indictable)	1
Rape of a female (16 or over) (Indictable)	64
Rape of a female (under 13) (Indictable)	9
Rape of a female (under 16) (Indictable)	16
Rape of a male (16 or over) (Indictable)	5
Rape of a male (under 13) (Indictable)	1
Rape of a male (under 16) (Indictable)	2
Total	476

Age Range of Victim	Age Range of Offender				Total
	Under 16	16 & Over	Not Recorded	No Offender Identified	
Under 16	21	36	4	93	154
16 & Over	-	70	5	237	312
Not Recorded	-	4	1	5	10
Total	21	110	10	335	476

Outcome	Number of Crimes
01. Charged/Summons	52
05. The offender has died (all offences)	1
09. Not in the Public Interest (CPS) (all offences)	3
10. Not in the Public Interest (Police)	7
11. Suspect is below age of criminal responsibility	2
13. Victim or key witness is dead or too ill	2
14. No Suspect. Victim declines/unable to support	28
15. Victim supports but evidential difficulties prevent	84
16. Suspect ID. Victim does not support (or has withdrawn)	125
18. No Suspect. Crime investigated. Case closed pending	19
Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition	5
Type 11 - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Is Below The Age Of Criminal Responsibility	1
Type 13 - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Victim Or Key Witness Is Dead Or Too Ill To Give Evidence	1
Type 14 - Evidential Difficulties Victim Based-Named Suspect Not Identified: Crime Confirmed But The Victim Either Declines Or Unable To Support Further Police Investigation To Identify The Offender	10
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action	13

Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action	37
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available	1
Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency subject to the victim (or person acting on their behalf) being made aware of the act to be taken	1
Type 5 - Offender has died	2
Not recorded	82
Total	476

Please note court outcomes are held by the HM Courts & Tribunals Service.