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**Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 003055/17**

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk Constabulary on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

I would like to request the statistics for detentions recorded by your officers from 01/01/16 - present day (12/02/17) in the following categories:

- 1 Gender
- 2 Religion
- 3 Nationality
- 4 Reason for detention

Norfolk Constabulary holds information relevant to your request.

**Response to your Request**

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

Q1

Gender	Number of Arrests
Female	4046
Male	21175
Not Recorded	210
Unspecified	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>25432</b>

Q2 The detainee's religion is not recorded on the custody system.

Q3

Nationality	Number of Arrests
Afghanistan	4
Albania	23
Algeria	1
Angola	20
Australia	11
Bahamas	6
Bangladesh	11
Barbados	1
Belarus (Byelorussia)	4
Belgium	5

Bermuda	3
Bolivia	1
Botswana	1
Brazil	4
Bulgaria	28
Burma / Myanmar	1
Cameroon	2
Canada	3
Cape Verde	7
Chile	4
China (People's Rep. Of)	10
Colombia	2
Congo	17
Croatia	2
Cuba	1
Cyprus	7
Czech Republic	3
Denmark	2
Dominican Republic	1
East Timor	8
Ecuador	1
Egypt	1
Eritrea	7
Estonia	3
Ethiopia	2
France	14
Gambia	8
Georgia	4
Germany	38
Ghana	7
Greece	3
Guinea	2
Guinea-Bissau	11
Guyana	1
Hong Kong	2
Hungary	11
India	34
Iran	26
Iraq	38
Irish Republic (Eire)	46
Israel	4
Italy	12

Jamaica	19
Jordan	2
Kazakhstan	2
Kenya	9
Kosovo	4
Latvia	179
Lebanon	3
Libya	1
Lithuania	775
Malawi	1
Malaysia	2
Malta	1
Mauritius	7
Moldova	17
Montserrat	3
Morocco	3
Mozambique	8
Namibia	2
Netherlands	5
New Zealand	3
Nigeria	21
Norway	3
Not Recorded	13932
Pakistan	10
Philippines	3
Poland	309
Portugal	194
Romania	200
Russia	18
Sao Tome And Principe	3
Saudi Arabia	2
Sierra Leone	9
Singapore	4
Slovak Republic	11
Slovenia	2
Somalia	14
South Africa	25
Spain	5
Sri Lanka	18
Swaziland	1
Sweden	8
Switzerland	1

Syria	2
Tanzania	1
Thailand	1
Togo	1
Trinidad And Tobago	1
Tunisia	11
Turkey	16
Uganda	1
Ukraine	5
United Arab Emirates	1
United Kingdom	9001
United States	38
Unknown	1
Vietnam	11
Virgin Islands (British)	1
Yemen (Dem. Peoples Republic)	1
Zimbabwe	32
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>25432</b>

Q4

<b>Reason For Arrest</b>	<b>No. of Arrests</b>
Abduction	12
Abstracting Electricity	15
Aggravated Vehicle Taking	43
Animal Cruelty	9
ASB, Crime and Policing Act	195
Assault	5373
Assisting Offenders	15
Bail Offences	688
Begging	15
Blackmail	15
Breach of Civil Order	18
Breach of Court Order	171
Breach of Non Molestation Order	43
Breach of Probation	2
Breach of the Peace	270
Burglary	784
Child - Cruelty to / Neglect of	175
Child - Indecent Images	160
Coercive / Controlling behaviour	50
County Court Injunction	2
Criminal Attempts Act	30
Criminal Damage	1935

Customs, Excise And Inland Revenue Offences - PNC Recordable	2
Data Protection Act	1
Driving Offences	2589
Drugs Offences	1783
Drunk and Disorderly	966
Drunk and Incapable	14
Drunk in charge of a child under 7	8
Escape From Lawful Custody	12
Failure to leave as directed (Section 27 Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006)	29
False Imprisonment	37
Football (Sporting Grounds) Offences	9
Found on enclosed Premises	14
Fraud and Forgery	298
Going Equipped	158
Handling Stolen Goods	87
Harassment	510
Human Trafficking	3
Immigration - Immigration Acts Offences	101
Interfering with a Motor Vehicle	16
Kidnapping	21
Making Off Without Payment	79
Malicious Communications	69
Murder and Manslaughter	52
Obscene Publications, Etc. And Protected Sexual Material	3
Obstruct Police Officer	195
Obstructing powers of search for drugs	9
Obtaining Services Dishonestly	1
Other - Local bye law	3
Other - Not listed	562
Other - Traffic offence	102
Permitting premises to be used for supply drugs	8
Pervert Course of Justice	31
Poaching ( Game act )	6
Police act - impersonate police officer	3
Possession of Firearms Offences	88
Possession of Knife/Bladed Article/Offensive Weapon	393
Prison / Prison Recall	282
Profiting From or Concealing Knowledge of the Proceeds of Crime	2
Prostitution - Soliciting	2
Public Order Act	1441
Robbery	215

S.136 Mental Health Act	11
Section 24 PACE	1
Sexual Offences	988
Slavery, servitude and forced or compulsory labour	8
Theft	2800
Threats to Kill	331
Trespass on railway	2
TWOC	157
Violence to Secure Entry	24
Warrant	863
Witness Intimidation	38
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>25432</b>

### Partial Neither Confirm Nor Deny

Additionally, Norfolk Constabulary can neither confirm nor deny whether any other information relevant to your request is held, as the duty in section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply by virtue of the following exemptions:-

- Section 24(2) – National security
- Section 31(3) – Law enforcement

Sections 24 and 31 are prejudice based qualified exemptions and there is a requirement to articulate the harm that would be caused in confirming or not that the information is held, as well as carrying out a public interest test.

### Overall Evidence of Harm

Disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) is considered to be a release to the world, as once the information has been published on the Disclosure Log pages of the Constabulary's external website, the Constabulary has no control over access to that information. Whilst not questioning an applicant's motive for requesting information, it could be of use to persons who are involved in criminal activity, including terrorism related activity.

Although there is a call for openness and transparency, this needs to be balanced against the harm in disclosure of the requested information. The Police Service has a clear responsibility to prevent and detect crime and disorder and to protect the communities we serve.

The prevention and detection of crime is the foundation upon which policing is built and the threat from terrorism cannot be ignored. It is generally recognised in this current environment that the international security landscape is increasingly complex and unpredictable. The current UK threat level from international terrorism, based on intelligence, is assessed as 'severe' which means that a terrorist attack is highly likely. Please see below:-

<https://www.mi5.gov.uk/threat-levels>

### Public Interest Test

#### Section 24 – factors favouring confirmation or denial of whether information is held

Confirming or denying whether any other information is held would enhance public debate about the effectiveness of Norfolk Constabulary, in combating terrorist activity, and international criminal activity against our national security. A better informed public can therefore take steps to protect themselves.

#### Section 24 – factors against confirmation or denial of whether information is held

Confirming or denying whether any other information is held would render security measures less effective and would provide useful intelligence to individuals who are involved in terrorist activity. This would lead to the compromise of ongoing or future operations to protect the security or infrastructure of the UK and increase the risk of harm to the public.

#### Section 31 - factors favouring confirmation or denial of whether information is held

Confirming or denying whether any other information is held, would give an indication where public funds are being utilised and increase Police openness and transparency.

#### Section 31 - factors against confirmation or denial of whether information is held

By confirming or denying whether any other information is held would mean that law enforcement tactics would be compromised and this would hinder the prevention and detection of crime. Confirming whether any other information is held could give an indication of force capabilities. Where this information is requested from other force areas, this would give an indication of capabilities on a national basis.

#### Balance Test

The security of the country is of paramount importance and the Police Service will not divulge whether any other information is or is not held, if to do so would undermine National Security, and the law enforcement role of the Constabulary. Whilst there is a public interest in the transparency of policing operations and providing assurance that the Police Service is appropriately and effectively engaging with the threat posed by those involved in criminal or terrorist activity, there is a very strong public interest in safeguarding the integrity of police investigations and operations.

As much as there is a public interest in knowing that policing activity is appropriate and balanced, this will be overridden in exceptional circumstances.

Therefore, at this moment in time, it is our opinion that for these issues the balance test for the confirmation or denial of whether any other information is held, is not made out.