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Dear

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 003138/16

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk Constabulary on the 19th August 2016 in which you sought access to the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information about your force's use of Section 127 of the Communications Act 2003 and the Malicious Communications Act 1988, specifically I am asking for;

- 1 The number of people charged under Section 127 of the Communications Act 2003.
- 2 The number of people charged under the Malicious Communications Act 1988.
- 3 The number of cautions that have been issued for an offence under Section 127 of the Communications Act 2003.
- 4 The number of cautions that have been issued for an offence under the Malicious Communications Act 1988.
- 5 The number of the above cases which have involved social media.

I would like all this information broken down for the last two completed financial years (i.e, 2014-15 and 2015-16) but will accept calendar years (2014 and 2015) if it is easier for you to do it that way.

Norfolk Constabulary holds information relevant to your request.

Response to your Request

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

Section 127 of the Communications Act 2003 offences were not recorded within the Constabulary's Crime System until October 2015.

Q1

Financial Year	Charged section 127 of the Communications Act 2003
2014/15	Not held
2015/16	1

Q2

Financial Year	Charged Malicious Communications Act 1988
2014/15	2
2015/16	73

Q3

Financial Year	Cautioned section 127 of the Communications Act 2003
2014/15	Not held
2015/16	2

Q4

Financial Year	Cautioned Malicious Communications Act 1988
2014/15	0
2015/16	48

Q5

Financial Year	Cases which have involved Social Media
2014/15	0
2015/16	0