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Dear

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 000321/16

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk Constabulary on the 20th January 2016 in which you sought access to the following information:

This request relates to the following criminal offences under the Sexual Offences Act 2003:

- 1 S16 Abuse of position of trust: sexual activity with a child
- 2 S17 Abuse of position of trust: causing or inciting a child to engage in sexual activity
- 3 S18 Abuse of position of trust: sexual activity in the presence of a child
- 4 S19 Abuse of position of trust: causing a child to watch a sexual act

For each of the crimes (1-4) please provide the following information broken down by calendar years: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

- A The totals number of reports made to your force, broken down by the position of trust held by the alleged offender (e.g. teacher, carer, doctor)
- B The total number of individuals arrested by your force, again broken down by the position of trust held by the alleged offender
- C The total number of individuals charged by your force, again broken down by the position of trust

If still possible within the cost limit:

- D The total number of individuals convicted, again broken down by the position of trust
- E Of those convicted, all information held on the sentences given

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 (JPAD) and been advised of the following:-

Arrests are not recorded on the custody database under these specific offences. The arrest offence would be 'sexual offences' and more specific details would be detailed within the custody record. Therefore to establish what information is held, each custody record would have to be manually reviewed. This would require the review of 1,920 custody records for the period requested. Based on an estimate of approximately 5 minutes each to review this would equate to 160 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 & 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.

Offence	2010	2011	2012	2013	2015	Total
S16 - Abuse Of Position Of Trust - Sexual Activity With A Female Child 13-17 - Offender 18 Or Over	1	1	0	0	1	3
S16 - Abuse Of Position Of Trust - Sexual Activity With A Male Child Under 13 - Offender 18 Or Over	1	0	0	0	0	1
S17 - Abuse Of Position Of Trust - Causing Or Inciting A Female Child 13-17 To Engage In Sexual Activity - Offender 18 Or Over	0	2	3	0	1	6
S17 - Abuse Of Position Of Trust - Causing Or Inciting A Male Child 13-17 To Engage In Sexual Activity - Offender 18 Or Over	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total	2	3	3	1	2	11

2010	
Offence	Occupation
S16 - Abuse Of Position Of Trust - Sexual Activity With A Female Child 13-17 - Offender 18 Or Over	Classroom Assistant

S16 - Abuse Of Position Of Trust - Sexual Activity With A Male Child Under 13 - Offender 18 Or Over	Teacher
Total	2

2011	
Offence	Occupation
S16 - Abuse Of Position Of Trust - Sexual Activity With A Female Child 13-17 - Offender 18 Or Over	Teacher
S17 - Abuse Of Position Of Trust - Causing Or Inciting A Female Child 13-17 To Engage In Sexual Activity - Offender 18 Or Over	Scout Leader
S17 - Abuse Of Position Of Trust - Causing Or Inciting A Female Child 13-17 To Engage In Sexual Activity - Offender 18 Or Over	Teaching Assistant
Grand Total	3

2012	
Offence	Occupation
S17 - Abuse Of Position Of Trust - Causing Or Inciting A Female Child 13-17 To Engage In Sexual Activity - Offender 18 Or Over	Classroom Assistant
S17 - Abuse Of Position Of Trust - Causing Or Inciting A Female Child 13-17 To Engage In Sexual Activity - Offender 18 Or Over	Teacher
S17 - Abuse Of Position Of Trust - Causing Or Inciting A Female Child 13-17 To Engage In Sexual Activity - Offender 18 Or Over	Teacher
Grand Total	3

2013	
Offence	Occupation
S17 - Abuse Of Position Of Trust - Causing Or Inciting A Female Child 13-17 To Engage In Sexual Activity - Offender 18 Or Over	Youth Worker
Grand Total	1

2015	
Offence	Occupation
S16 - Abuse Of Position Of Trust - Sexual Activity With A Female Child 13-17 - Offender 18 Or Over	Classroom Assistant
S17 - Abuse Of Position Of Trust - Causing Or Inciting A Female Child 13-17 To Engage In Sexual Activity - Offender 18 Or Over	Doctor
Grand Total	2

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Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact me quoting the reference number shown above.