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Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 003302/17

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk Constabulary on the 17th February 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

Could I please have the following data starting from the beginning of January 2010 up until the most recently available date, broken down by calendar year:

- 1 The number of reported domestic abuse incidents
- 2 The number of charges for domestic abuse
- 3 The number of reported domestic abuse incidents attended by police

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 identify what information is held relevant to your request, we have contacted our Joint Performance and Analysis Department. They have advised that to retrieve the requested information would be a significant task and would considerably exceed the 18 hour cost limit.

During the period 2010 to 2016, there have been over 100,000 incident reports created which are domestic related. These would require a review to see if an officer attended an address in relation to an incident of domestic violence. Based on just 2 or 3 minutes each, this would exceed the 18 hour limit.

This would significantly 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 and 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.

The following figures have been retrieved from both the number of calls received by the Contact and Control Room and recorded crime reports.

Q1 Number of CAD incident reports which have an opening code of 'Domestic Incident'.

Year	Number of Calls
2010	13,020
2011	15,145
2012	15,358
2013	15,827
2014	18,184
2015	18,954
2016	18,413
Grand Total	114,901

The following figures are for the number of recorded crimes which have a domestic indicator. A new crime recording database was introduced in October 2015, therefore a separate table has been provided for information from that date.

Year	No. of Crimes
2010	3229
2011	3439
2012	3232
2013	3512
2014	4817
2015 (to 19 th Oct)	4455
Grand Total	22684

Year	No. of Investigations
2015 (from 20 th Oct)	1239
2016	6036
Grand Total	7275

Q2 Please note the crime disposals changed to outcomes during 2014.

Year	Disposal Type			Grand Total
	A1. Charge	A2. Charge - ASBO	A3. Summons	
2010	1188	1	15	1204
2011	1218	1	19	1238
2012	1006	1	29	1036
2013	1122	1	45	1168
2014	330	0	10	340
Grand Total	4864	4	118	4986

Year	Outcome Type	Grand Total
	01. Charged/Summons	
2014	1211	1211
2015 (to 19 th Oct)	1244	1244
Grand Total	2455	2455

Year	Outcome Type		Grand Total
	Type 1 - Charged/Summonsed/ Postal Requisition	Type 1A - Charged/Summons - alternate offence. Offender has been charged under the alternate offence rule.	
2015 (from 20 th Oct)	294	5	299
2016	1142	131	1273
Grand Total	1436	136	1572