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Dear

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 003331/16

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk Constabulary on the 7th September 2016 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 How many thefts of a vehicle were reported in the following years by postcode (the first part only, eg: SE1): so far in 2016, 2015 and 2014;
- 2 How many thefts of cars resulted in the criminals being caught and charged in the following years: so far in 2016, 2015 and 2014;
- 3 How many thefts of a car did not result in a follow up investigation (after the initial response) in the following years by postcode: so far in 2016, 2015 and 2014;
- 4 How many thieves (of cars) re-offended (any offence) within a year of being caught in the following years: so far in 2016, 2015 and 2014;
- 5 How many car thefts resulted in the car being returned to it's owner in the following years: so far in 2016, 2015 and 2014;
- 6 How many thefts from a vehicle were reported in the following years by postcode (the first part only, eg: SE1): so far in 2016, 2015 and 2014;
- 7 How many thefts from cars resulted in the criminals being caught and charged in the following years: so far in 2016, 2015 and 2014;
- 8 How many thefts from a car did not result in a follow up investigation (after the initial response) in the following years by postcode: so far in 2016, 2015 and 2014;
- 9 How many car thieves (from the car) re-offended (any offence) within a year of being caught in the following years: so far in 2016, 2015 and 2014;

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 relevant information is held we have contacted our Joint Performance and Analysis Department (JPAD). They have undertaken research of recorded crimes of 'theft of a motor vehicle' and 'theft from a motor vehicle'. This has returned 850 crimes of theft of a motor vehicle and 3,222 crimes for theft from a motor vehicle. In order to respond to parts 4 and 9 of your request, it would be necessary to research every crime, to extract details of the suspect/offender and then carry out further research to see if they are named in relation to other crimes recorded in Norfolk.

Additionally we would need to check crimes to see what follow up investigations took place and how many recovered vehicles were returned to their owners.

This would be a significant task and based on just 5 minutes per crime, 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.

Question 1	
Postcode	Count of Crime Number
NR3	69
2014	14
2015	30
2016	25
PE30	66
2014	14
2015	23
2016	29
NR31	57
2014	8
2015	25

2016	24
(blank)	54
2014	21
2015	25
2016	8
IP24	53
2014	16
2015	16
2016	21
NR30	53
2014	11
2015	21
2016	21
NR1	44
2014	18
2015	12
2016	14
NR2	42
2014	8
2015	9
2016	25
PE14	32
2014	9
2015	14
2016	9
NR5	24
2014	10
2015	5
2016	9
IP22	22
2014	7
2015	7
2016	8
NR7	19
2014	6
2015	6
2016	7
PE38	19
2014	7
2015	5
2016	7
NR4	18
2014	7
2015	5
2016	6
NR6	16
2014	4
2015	6
2016	6

IP25	14
2014	3
2015	5
2016	6
NR21	13
2014	7
2015	3
2016	3
NR13	12
2014	7
2015	2
2016	3
NR8	12
2014	6
2015	3
2016	3
NR19	12
2014	7
2015	3
2016	2
NR17	11
2014	2
2015	3
2016	6
NR9	11
2014	1
2015	6
2016	4
IP21	11
2014	6
2015	3
2016	2
NR10	11
2014	1
2015	6
2016	4
PE37	11
2014	4
2015	3
2016	4
NR14	10
2014	3
2015	4
2016	3
PE31	10
2014	4
2015	3
2016	3
NR15	9
2014	4

2015	3
2016	2
NR20	9
2014	3
2015	1
2016	5
PE34	9
2014	2
2015	2
2016	5
PE33	8
2014	2
2015	3
2016	3
IP26	8
2014	4
2015	2
2016	2
NR29	8
2014	2
2015	4
2016	2
IP20	8
2014	1
2015	4
2016	3
NR18	8
2014	2
2015	3
2016	3
NR12	8
2014	4
2015	2
2016	2
NR16	6
2014	4
2015	1
2016	1
PE32	6
2014	2
2015	2
2016	2
NR11	5
2014	2
2015	1
2016	2
IP27	4
2016	4
NR35	4
2015	1

2016	3
NR26	3
2014	1
2016	2
NR28	3
2015	3
NR27	3
2014	2
2016	1
NR24	3
2014	1
2016	2
NR22	2
2015	1
2016	1
NR23	2
2015	1
2016	1
PE13	2
2014	2
PE36	2
2015	1
2016	1
NR25	2
2014	1
2016	1
NR34	1
2015	1
CO12	1
2016	1
Grand Total	850

Question 6	
Postcode	Count of Crime Number
NR1	507
2014	284
2015	223
NR3	464
2014	272
2015	192
PE3	409
2014	245
2015	164
NR2	347
2014	192
2015	155
IP2	312

2014	183
2015	129
(blank)	250
2014	146
2015	102
2016	2
NR5	123
2014	57
2015	66
PE30	86
2014	11
2015	30
2016	45
NR7	85
2014	43
2015	42
NR4	81
2014	40
2015	41
NR6	78
2014	39
2015	39
NR9	50
2014	31
2015	19
PE14	44
2014	2
2015	6
2016	36
PE1	44
2014	29
2015	15
NR8	37
2014	20
2015	17
NR19	23
2014	17
2015	6
IP24	22
2014	14
2015	8
PE32	21
2014	3
2015	9
2016	9
PE31	21
2015	8
2016	13
PE33	21

2015	12
2016	9
PE36	20
2014	1
2015	12
2016	7
PE38	20
2014	5
2015	3
2016	12
IP26	19
2014	1
2015	11
2016	7
NR30	18
2014	8
2015	10
PE34	15
2014	1
2015	7
2016	7
NR31	12
2014	7
2015	5
NR13	11
2014	2
2015	9
NR10	10
2014	7
2015	3
IP22	8
2014	8
IP25	8
2014	7
2015	1
IP27	6
2015	6
NR21	5
2014	4
2015	1
NR14	5
2014	5
NR11	5
2014	2
2015	3
NR20	4
2014	3
2015	1
NR16	4
2015	4

NR29	4
2014	1
2015	3
NR12	3
2014	1
2015	2
NR28	3
2014	3
NR17	3
2014	1
2015	2
PE37	2
2015	2
NR18	2
2014	1
2015	1
NR23	2
2014	1
2015	1
NR26	2
2014	2
PE13	1
2016	1
NR24	1
2015	1
NR22	1
2014	1
PE35	1
2016	1
IP20	1
2014	1
NR27	1
2015	1
Grand Total	3222