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I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk Constabulary on the 8th September 2016 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 How many household burglaries 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 from homes resulted in the criminals being caught and charged in the following years: so far in 2016, 2015 and 2014;
- 3 How many home burglaries did not result in a follow up investigation (after the initial response) in the following years by postcode (the first part only, eg: SE1): so far in 2016, 2015 and 2014;
- 4 How many burglars 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 'Burglary Dwelling'. This has returned 3,867 crimes and, of these, 424 have resulted in an offender being charged. In order to respond to part 4 of your request, it would be necessary to research each crime, to extract details of the 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.

Based on just 5 minutes per crime, this 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.

Number of Crimes:-

2014 Total	1352
IP2	149
NR1	246
NR2	179
NR3	377
NR4	41
NR5	48
NR6	24
NR7	47
NR8	16
NR9	16
PE1	24
PE3	185

2015 Total	1493
IP2	157
NR1	317
NR2	227
NR3	316
NR4	41
NR5	69
NR6	13
NR7	30
NR8	14
NR9	19
PE1	38
PE3	252

2016 Total	1022
IP2	71
NR1	157
NR2	132
NR3	278
NR4	32
NR5	61
NR6	18
NR7	17
NR8	8
NR9	10
PE1	37
PE3	201

Number of Offenders Charged:-

Overall	424
2014	178
2015	165
2016	81