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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 Please could you provide the number of arrests/cautions/charges (separate statistic for each) for making/producing/distributing indecent images of children (under section 1 of the Protection of Children Act 1978/home office crime code 86/2) where the offender(s) are under the age of 18 for the years 2010-2015, broken down per year.
- 2 Please could you provide the number of arrests/cautions/charges (separate statistic for each) for making/producing/distributing indecent images of children (under section 1 of the Protection of Children Act 1978/home office crime code 86/2) where the offender(s) are between the ages of 18 and 24 for the years 2010-2015, broken down per year.
- 3 Please could you provide overall arrests/caution/charges (separate statistic for each) across the force as a whole for the years 2010-2015, broken down per year.

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 (2000), 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 of 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. They have advised that with regard to the number of arrests, this information is not held in any easily retrievable format. Arrests for this offence would fall under either 'other' or 'sexual offence'. Between 2010 and 2015 there have been over 11,000 arrests under these categories.

Even based on a minimum of 5 minutes per arrest record 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 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.

Crime disposals were recorded between 1st January 2013 and 1st April 2014. Between 1st April 2014 and 20th October 2015, the Constabulary recorded crime outcomes. The outcomes were further differently recorded with the introduction of the new crime recording system in October 2015. Therefore the disposals/outcomes are provided in 3 separate tables for each question below:-

Q1

Disposals 1st January 2010 to 31st March 2014

Count of Crime	Year				Total
	2010	2011	2012	2013	
Disposal					
A1. Charge	4		1	3	8
R1. Restorative / Youth Restorative Disposal	3				3
R2. Extended Professional Judgement			5		5
Total	7		6	3	16

Outcomes 1st April 2014 to 20th October 2015

Count of Crime	Year		Total
	2014	2015	
Outcome			
02. Caution-Youths		14	14
03. Caution-Adults	4		4
08.1. Restorative / Youth Restorative Disposal	3	6	9
08.2. Extended Professional Judgement	2	1	3
Total	9	21	30

Athena outcomes 20th October 2015 to 31st December 2015

Count of Investigation	Year	
Outcome Type	2015	Total
Type 1 - Charged/Summonsed/Postal Requisition	1	1
Total	1	1

Q2

Disposals 1st January 2010 to 31st March 2014

Count of Crime	Year				Total
Disposal	2010	2011	2013	2014	Total
A1. Charge		2	2		4
A3. Summons			1		1
B3. Final Warning		1			1
B3. Youth Caution			1		1
Total		3	4		7

Outcomes 1st April 2014 to 20th October 2015

Count of Crime	Year		Total
Outcome	2014	2015	Total
01. Charged/Summons	2	1	3
03. Caution-Adults	3		3
Total	5	1	6

Athena outcomes 20th October 2015 to 31st December 2015

Count of Investigation	Year	
Outcome Type	2015	Total
Type 1 - Charged/Summonsed/Postal Requisition	2	2
Type 3 - Caution Adult	1	1
Total	3	3

Q3

Disposals 1st January 2010 to 31st March 2014

Count of Crime	Year					Total
Disposal	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Total
A1. Charge	22	26	19	35	5	107
B1. Caution	9					9
B3. Final Warning		4				4
B3. Youth Caution				2		2
08.1. Restorative / Youth Restorative Disposal	4					4
08.2. Extended Professional Judgement			2			2
Under Investigation	1	4		5	3	13
Total	36	34	21	42	8	141

Outcomes 1st April 2014 to 20th October 2015

Count of Crime	Year		
Outcome	2014	2015	Total
01. Charged/Summons	30	18	48
02. Caution-Youths		17	17
03. Caution-Adults	4		4
08.1. Restorative / Youth Restorative Disposal	7	10	17
08.2. Extended Professional Judgement	4	2	6
Under Investigation	1	5	6
Total	46	52	98

Athena outcomes 20th October 2015 to 31st December 2015

Count of Investigation	Year	
Outcome Type	2015	Total
Type 1 - Charged/Summonsed/Postal Requisition	22	22
Type 3 - Caution Adult	1	1
Total	23	23