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Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 003553/16

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk Constabulary on the 28th September 2016 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 The number of burglary offences recorded by Norfolk Constabulary in the calendar years 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016 so far. Please provide a breakdown by year.
- 2 The number of burglaries solved by Norfolk Constabulary in the calendar years 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016 so far. Please provide a breakdown by year.
- 3 The number of reported burglaries that were investigated by a forensics team in the calendar years 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016 so far. Please provide a breakdown by year.
- 4 The number of people proceeded against for the following offences in the calendar years 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016 so far. This data should show both the number of offences, and the number of "outcomes" for for each offences code in each year (e.g. charge, caution, charge etc): 28A - Burglary in a dwelling, 28B - Attempted burglary in a dwelling, 28C - Distraction burglary in a dwelling, 28D - Attempted distraction burglary in a dwelling, 29 - Aggravated burglary in a dwelling, 30A - Burglary in a building other than a dwelling, 30B - Attempted burglary in a building other than a dwelling, 31 - Aggravated burglary in a building other than a dwelling , 33 - Going equipped for stealing, 34A - Robbery of business property, 34B - Robbery of personal property
- 5 Copies of any emails/letters sent by the Chief Constable since 1/1/2014 that contain the words "burglary/burglaries" and "priority/priorities". If this question exceeds the cost of compliance limits in S.12, please provide emails/letters since 1/1/2015. If that exceeds the cost of compliance limits, please provide emails/letters since 1/1/2016.
- 6 Copies of any problem profiles into burglary/theft commissioned for or written by Norfolk Constabulary since 1/1/2011.
- 7 The number of thefts from police stations recorded by Norfolk Constabulary in the calendar years 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016 so far. Please provide a breakdown by year. Please specify what was stolen and the estimated value of the stolen property (if recorded).
- 8 The number of thefts from police stations recorded by Norfolk Constabulary in the calendar years 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016 so far that were investigated by Norfolk Constabulary.
- 9 The number of recorded burglary offences either 'screened out' or marked 'No Further Action' in the calendar years 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016 so far. Please provide a breakdown by year.
- 10 The estimated total value of items stolen in burglaries recorded by Norfolk Constabulary in the calendar years 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016 so far.

Please provide a breakdown by year. If possible, please also provide the estimated total value of items stolen in burglaries that were subsequently recovered and returned by Norfolk Constabulary.

- 11 The number of distraction burglaries recorded in the calendar years 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016 so far where the victim was 70 or older.
- 12 The number of distraction burglaries where a suspect has been identified and charged in the calendar years 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016 so far where the victim was 70 or older.
- 13 Reports of any pilot schemes/projects into burglaries and/or the procedures involved in investigating burglary offences. If it is not possible to provide a report, please give a brief summary of what the scheme entailed e.g. 'not forensically investigating burglaries at odd-numbered properties over the course of three months in 2015'.

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.

Some of the information you have requested is not centrally recorded nor held in any easily retrievable format. The information that you have requested for parts 4 and 5 of your request alone, would significantly exceed the 18 hour cost limit. All crimes of burglary which have a named suspect or offender, would need to be reviewed to find the number that were proceeded against. This would be thousands of crimes for the period requested.

Additionally, based on the number of staff within the Executive Office, and the period requested, to locate relevant correspondence for question 5, would also exceed the 18 hour limit as again this would involve the research of both electronic and manual records.

This would be in addition to 8 hours of research that has already been completed.

Therefore this would significantly exceed the appropriate limit for dealing with a Freedom of Information request, in terms of cost, and therefore Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act applies.

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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.

Q1 Crimes of Burglary

Year	Number
2011	4580
2012	3824
2013	3742
2014	3501
2015	3777
2016	2870
Total	22294

Q7 Number of thefts from police stations.

Year	Number
2011	1
2012	2
2013	1
2014	2
2015	2
2016	0
Total	8

Research for questions 2, 8, 9 and 10 could be completed within the 18 hour limit.

Q11 Number of distraction burglaries where victim is aged 70 or over.

Year	Number
2011	21
2012	10
2013	6
2014	11
2015	9
2016	7
Total	64

Q12 Number of distraction burglaries where an offender has been charged and victim aged 70 or over.

Year	Number
2011	3
2012	5
2013	1
2014	3
2015	0
2016	3
Total	15

Q13 No relevant information held.