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Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 000382/19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk Constabulary on the 25th January 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

I hereby request information relating to all Road Traffic Collisions on the B1108 between Hingham and Norwich from 1/1/16 to 1/1/19.

I fully appreciate the need to remove personal data. I simply request the following information:

- 1 how many reported RTCs were there on this stretch of road between the dates mentioned above?
- 2 how many of these RTCs led to a formal criminal prosecution for any road traffic offence?
- 3 of those which were prosecuted how many were for dangerous driving?
- 4 of those which were prosecuted how many were for careless driving?

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.

Norfolk Constabulary estimates that to retrieve all the information you have requested would exceed cost in excess of £450.

During the period requested there have been 79 injury collisions recorded on this stretch of road. The department which collates the details of injury collisions does not collate information regarding prosecutions. It would therefore be necessary for each of the collision files to be reviewed in order to identify what information is held with regards to questions 2 to 4. It is estimated that this would take approximately 30 minutes for each case file.

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.

Please see map below which provides details of the collision locations along this road. There has been one fatal, 9 serious and 69 slight collisions.

