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I write in connection with your request for information received by both Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 23rd February 2017. This response is being provided on behalf of Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies as a result of ongoing collaboration. In your requests you sought access to the following information:

I have a few questions about the policing of far right events and demonstrations over the last 5 years.

For clarity's sake, by the "far right", I mean groups such as Britain First, the EDL, the London Forum, National Action and other such groups.

- 1 How much has been spent on policing of far right events and demonstrations?
- 2 How many officers were involved in policing these events or demonstrations?
- 3 If possible, I would like a breakdown of how much was spent on each demonstration or event, as well as the date and group that held the demonstration or event?
- 4 How many arrests have there been at far right events and who (protestor or counter protestor) was arrested?

In terms of question 4, protestor means someone who is part of the far right, and counter protestor means someone from a group like Stand Up to Racism or AntiFa.

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies holds information relevant to your request.

Response to your request

The following information has been located as relevant to your request.

NORFOLK

On 10th November 2012 a protest march by the English Defence League and a counter protest march by We Are Norwich took place in Norwich.

- Q1 The cost of this protest to the Constabulary was £121,973.
- Q2 There were 400 Police Officers drawn from Norfolk Constabulary and a number of other forces.
- Q3 See question 1.

- Q4 There were a total of 4 arrests on the day, 3 of which were in relation to the EDL group and 1 arrest in relation to the 'We Are Norwich' group. The reasons for the arrests were:-
1 x Offensive Weapon
3 x Public Order offences

SUFFOLK

There has been 1 English Defence League demonstration in Suffolk. This was in Ipswich, February 2012.

- Q1 There was no spend on policing.
- Q2 There were no officers involved in policing the demonstration.
- Q3 No information held.
- Q4 There were no arrests.