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Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 003916/17

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk Constabulary on the 27th February 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 For each year 2014, 2015, 2016 and first 2 months of 2017, please provide the total number of arrests of Vietnamese national adults (broken down by year for this and all the future questions)
- 2 For each year 2014, 2015, 2016 and first 2 months of 2017, please provide the total number of arrests of Vietnamese national minors (under 18 at time of arrest)
- 3 For each year 2014, 2015, 2016 and first 2 months of 2017, please provide the number of arrests for offences relating to the cultivation of cannabis under Section 4(2) and Section 6(2) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971- all nationalities
- 4 For each year 2014, 2015, 2016 and first 2 months of 2017, please provide the total number of arrests of Vietnamese adults for Cannabis Cultivation
- 5 For each year 2014, 2015, 2016 and first 2 months of 2017, please provide the total number of arrests of Vietnamese minors for Cannabis Cultivation
- 6 For each year 2014, 2015, 2016 and first 2 months of 2017, please provide the number of people arrested for human trafficking crimes, both a. Vietnamese b. All nationalities

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 advised that retrieving information for question 3, for the years 2014 and 2015, would exceed the cost limit. Any relevant arrests for this offence would be recorded on the custody database under 'drug offences'. There have been 1,238 arrests for 2014 and 2015, each of which would require a manual review to see if they relate to cannabis cultivation. Based on 3 minutes per crime, this would equate to over 61 hours.

(Please note, a new custody system was introduced in October 2015).

To carry out the above research would 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.

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

Year	Number of Vietnamese Nationals (18 or over at time of arrest)
2014	15
2015	14
2016	8
2017	1

Q2

Year	Number of Vietnamese Nationals (Under 18 at time of arrest)
2014	5
2015	8
2016	4
2017	0

Q3

Year	Cultivation of Cannabis Arrests (All nationalities)
2016	232
2017	59

Q4

Year	Number of Vietnamese Nationals arrested for Cannabis Cultivation (18 or over at time of arrest)
2014	5
2015	6

2016	2
2017	1

Q5

Year	Number of Vietnamese Nationals arrested for Cannabis Cultivation (Under 18 at time of arrest)
2014	0
2015	0
2016	1
2017	0

Q6 This information could be researched within the cost limit.