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Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 004178/19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk Constabulary on the 18th November 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 For the calendar years 2017, 2018 and 2019 please provide the number of roads traffic collision in Norfolk where one or more of the drivers involved held a provisional drivers licence
- 2 Please also provide the total number of road traffic collisions for each of these years
- 3 Please provide the ages and genders of the driver holding the provisional licence.
- 4 Please detail exact locations of these collisions where possible.

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 25th November 2019.

Norfolk Constabulary has considered your request and our response is below.

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.

Statistical information is only collated in relation to injury and fatal collisions. During the period requested, the Constabulary has recorded 4687 injury and fatal collisions. The data which is recorded directly from the initial CR1, completed by the officer, has been reviewed and this is provided at the end of this response. It is possible that further details are recorded within the full collision files but this would exceed the cost limit.

Statistical data is not captured in relation to non-injury collisions. Extracting these details would be an enormous task.

This research would therefore 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 & 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.

The number of injury and fatal collisions has been provided below:-

Year	Fatal	Serious	Slight	Total
2017	29	350	1387	1766
2018	27	384	1374	1785
2019 (to end of Oct)	26	320	790	1136

The injury and fatal collision details have been reviewed and the following refer to the number of drivers who were recorded as having a Provisional licence. This has been extracted from the collated statistics. It is possible that there are further relevant records but to review the full collisions records, even for 2018 and 2019 alone, would exceed the cost limit.

Year	Number of Drivers with Provisional Licence
2017	260
2018	212
2019 (to end of Oct)	54

Year	Male	Female
2017	190	70
2018	149	63
2019 (to end of Oct)	47	7

Age	2017	2018	2019
15	1	-	-
16	10	3	3
17	17	12	4
18	14	17	8
19	13	5	8
20	7	5	3
21	10	14	1
22	4	7	6
23	9	6	3
24	8	4	1

25	7	10	1
26	12	6	-
27	5	3	2
28	6	4	2
29	4	5	-
30	7	4	1
31	4	5	3
32	1	3	-
33	6	1	2
34	4	2	-
35	4	3	-
36	2	6	-
37	-	7	-
38	1	3	-
39	6	3	-
40	8	2	-
41	5	1	-
43	1	1	-
44	3	6	1
45	4	1	-
46	3	3	-
47	3	1	-
48	4	1	-
49	2	2	-
50	8	1	-
51	2	3	-
52	6	6	-
53	2	4	2
54	2	5	-
55	4	1	-
56	2	-	2
57	2	2	-
58	3	-	1
59	3	2	-
60	2	-	-
61	1	1	-
62	1	1	-
63	2	-	-
64	2	4	-
65	2	1	-
66	3	2	-
67	2	2	-

68	2	1	-
69	1	1	-
70	1	1	-
71	1	1	-
72	2	1	-
73	1	1	-
74	-	2	-
75	2	1	-
76	1	2	-
78	1	-	-
80	2	-	-
81	2	2	-
83	2	2	-
84	2	1	-
85	-	1	-
87	-	1	-
88	-	1	-
90	1	-	-
91	-	2	-

Identifying the collision locations would also exceed the cost limit.