



**NORFOLK**  
CONSTABULARY  
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May 2017

**Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 004444/17**

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk Constabulary on the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 Please provide details of the number of recorded rapes over the past five financial years (2012/2013 - 2016/2017 inclusive).
- 2 Please supply locations where these attacks have taken place. (the name of the town is fine - list of towns with number of offences would be sufficient)
- 3 Please supply the ages and genders of the victims if possible (this can be separate to the list of locations, for reasons of identification)
- 4 For each incident please indicate whether an arrest was made, and if so, what further action was taken against the alleged perpetrator.

Please break this information down year-on-year.

Please also provide the conviction rate as a percentage of total reports per year, if possible.

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 identify what information is held, relevant to your request, we have contacted our Joint Performance and Analysis Department. They have advised that there is no direct link between recorded crimes and custody records on the Constabulary's crime system, therefore it would be necessary to review each crime report to see if it had resulted in an arrest.

Reviewing each crime record, at just 3 or 4 minutes each, this would 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 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 and 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.

Research has been undertaken of recorded crimes of rape on the Constabulary’s crime and intelligence system which was in use up to 19<sup>th</sup> October 2015. A new Athena crime system was introduced at that time. All recorded rape investigations have been included in the figures from October 2015.

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Financial Year	Number of Rapes
2012/2013	203
2013/2014	292
2014/2015	378
2015/2016	540
2016/2017	618
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2031</b>

Q2

Financial Year	District	Number of Rapes
2012/2013	Breckland	26
2012/2013	Broadland	13
2012/2013	North Norfolk	12
2012/2013	Norwich City Council	60
2012/2013	South Norfolk	19
2012/2013	Kings Lynn & West Norfolk	31
2012/2013	Great Yarmouth	42
2013/2014	Breckland	50
2013/2014	Broadland	22
2013/2014	North Norfolk	39
2013/2014	Norwich City Council	77
2013/2014	South Norfolk	28
2013/2014	Kings Lynn & West Norfolk	44
2013/2014	Great Yarmouth	32
2014/2015	Breckland	60

2014/2015	Broadland	32
2014/2015	North Norfolk	23
2014/2015	Norwich City Council	101
2014/2015	South Norfolk	41
2014/2015	Kings Lynn & West Norfolk	60
2014/2015	Great Yarmouth	59
2014/2015	Out of force	2
2015/2016	Breckland	75
2015/2016	Broadland	54
2015/2016	North Norfolk	49
2015/2016	Norwich City Council	155
2015/2016	South Norfolk	48
2015/2016	Kings Lynn & West Norfolk	72
2015/2016	Great Yarmouth	77
2015/2016	Out of force	5
2015/2016	Not recorded	5
2016/2017	Breckland	71
2016/2017	Broadland	49
2016/2017	North Norfolk	60
2016/2017	Norwich City Council	179
2016/2017	South Norfolk	62
2016/2017	Kings Lynn & West Norfolk	79
2016/2017	Great Yarmouth	93
2016/2017	Out of force	15
2016/2017	Not recorded	10

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Financial Year	Gender	Number of Rapes
2012/2013	Male	16
2012/2013	Female	187
2013/2014	Male	41
2013/2014	Female	251
2014/2015	Male	36
2014/2015	Female	342
2015/2016	Male	57
2015/2016	Female	468
2015/2016	Not recorded	15
2016/2017	Male	47
2016/2017	Female	554
2016/17	Not recorded	17

The Constabulary does not hold statistical information regarding court outcomes.