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CONSTABULARY
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Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 004604/19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk Constabulary on the 20th December 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 Please could you provide data for all incidents of knife crime that occurred in Norfolk over a 10-year period. I understand that there is not one dataset for knife crime, but it is instead recorded per Home Office guidelines as "homicide; attempted murder; threats to kill; assault with injury and assault with intent to cause serious harm; robbery; rape; and sexual assault" in which a knife or sharp instrument/object was used/present. I am happy to receive data for the past 10 years in accordance with those categories. If you classify your data in a different or any additional way, then please provide in the format/categories you use.
- 2 Please could you ensure this data is also broken down by age. I am specifically interested in knowing which incidents involved a victim aged 1 to 24. If it reduces time and cost, please feel free to provide the data split into incidents involving victims under 24 and over 24. If you are able to provide more detailed age breakdowns within the cost allowance e.g. 1-8, 9-16, 17-24, then please do that.
- 3 Please can you also confirm whether motive is listed for these knife-related incidents. If the cost allowance allows, please also provide the motives with each incident. If this is too expensive, please could you only detail which incidents were between family members and/or partners and so domestic abuse.
- 4 Please can you also confirm whether knife-related incidents are flagged as gang-related and/or gang-motivated and, if the cost allowance allows, please indicate which incidents were considered gang-related and/or gang-motivated.

In my above query, I have indicated ways you can minimise the cost of providing the data. I would further add that if providing data for a 10-year period is too costly, then please reduce the timeframe accordingly and do not reject the FOI. If it would further help with cost, you can omit the following categories from the data: rape and sexual assault.

If it helps, my priorities are firstly receiving the data (point one of my FOI), seeing the age breakdown (point two of my FOI), and learning if Norfolk Police flag incidents of knife crime (in whatever form) as gang-related or gang-motivated (part of point four of my FOI).

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 10th January 2020.

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

Research has been undertaken of crimes recorded since 2010. This time period covers two different crime recording databases and there are some differences in the way in which crimes are recorded on the two different systems. The new system was introduced in October 2015.

Within the cost limit, we have not been able to provide the information requested in question 3. We would need to review the freetext of each crime to see if the motive has been recorded. We have provided crimes where a domestic indicator has been added.

The cost exemption would also be applicable for Q4.

Please see spreadsheets attached for the remaining questions.