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Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 004698/17

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk Constabulary on the 21st April 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 Please provide the number of serious road accidents (involving serious injury or fatalities) reported to your force for each of the following calendar years:
 - I 2011
 - II 2012
 - III 2013
 - IV 2014
 - V 2015
 - VI 2016
 - VII 2017 to date

- 2 Please provide the age range of the drivers involved in these serious road accidents

Broken down by the following age ranges:

- A 17 to 25
- B 26 to 35
- C 36 to 45
- D 46 to 55
- E 56 to 65
- F 66 to 75
- G Over 75

For each of the following calendar years:

- I 2011
- II 2012
- III 2013
- IV 2014
- V 2015
- VI 2016
- VII 2017 to date

- 3 Where possible, please provide the age range of the driver found responsible for these serious road accidents

Broken down by the following age ranges:

- A 17 to 25
- B 26 to 35
- C 36 to 45
- D 46 to 55
- E 56 to 65
- F 66 to 75
- G Over 75

For each of the following calendar years:

I	2011
II	2012
III	2013
IV	2014
V	2015
VI	2016
VII	2017 to date

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 3rd May 2017

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 Roads Policing Unit. They have advised that they can provide the number of fatal and serious collisions, along with the ages of all drivers involved, but providing whether a driver was responsible for the collision, would exceed the 18 hour limit.

During the period requested, there have been 2090 fatal and serious collisions. Therefore based on at least 10 minutes per collision record, this would significantly exceed the appropriate limit for dealing with a Freedom of Information request, 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 & 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.

Year	Fatal	Serious	Total Collisions
2011	41	263	304
2012	34	269	303
2013	37	299	336
2014	34	306	340
2015	33	305	338
2016	32	346	378
2017	8	83	91

Drivers by Age range									
Year	Severity	17-25	26-35	36-45	46-55	56-65	66-75	76+	U/K
2011	Fatal	14	18	14	8	7	6	4	1
	Serious	102	68	76	75	57	29	15	24
2012	Fatal	14	9	12	9	9	3	5	0
	Serious	104	91	67	75	55	28	21	18
2013	Fatal	7	17	19	6	5	6	4	2
	Serious	124	83	78	73	49	48	25	29
2014	Fatal	11	15	9	9	7	7	7	1
	Serious	106	104	90	97	55	31	26	22
2015	Fatal	8	7	10	8	9	6	7	0
	Serious	104	105	91	106	48	38	19	26
2016	Fatal	13	18	7	6	6	3	5	2
	Serious	106	94	88	120	74	46	34	28
2017	Fatal	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	0
	Serious	26	28	20	26	14	10	8	5