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Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 004784/17

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk Constabulary on the 2nd May 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 Please could you provide the number of victims who are male who have suffered rape for each of the following years: 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 (in financial or calendar years, however this information is held).
- 2 Please could you provide the number of victims who are male who have suffered assault by penetration for each of the following years: 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 (in financial or calendar years, however this information is held).
- 3 Please could you provide the number of those arrested with rape where the victim was male for each of the following years: 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 (in financial or calendar years, however this information is held).
- 4 Please could you provide the number of those arrested for assault by penetration where the victim was male for each of the following years: 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 (in financial or calendar years, however this information is held).
- 5 Please could you provide the number of those charged with rape where the victim was male for each of the following years: 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 (in financial or calendar years, however this information is held).
- 6 Please could you provide the number of those charged with assault by penetration where the victim was male for each of the following years: 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 (in financial or calendar years, however this information is held).

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 relevant information, we have contacted our Joint Performance and Analysis Department (JPAD). They have advised that with regard to questions 3 and 4, this information could only be retrieved by a manual trawl of custody records to see if the gender of the victim is recorded. During 2016 alone, there were 281 arrests for rape and 345 for other sexual offences. Based on an estimation of 5 minutes each, it would exceed 52 hours of research for just this one year.

Therefore the full time period 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 where the gender of the victim is recorded as male.

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Year	Number of Crimes of Rape – Victim Recorded as Male
2012	23
2013	32
2014	41
2015	47
2016	56
2017 (to 30 th April)	13

Q2 For the following figures JPAD has researched the following offence codes:-
17A/13 ‘Assault on a Male by Penetration’ and 17B/14 ‘Assault of a Male Child by Penetration’

Year	Number of Crimes of Sexual Assault By Penetration– Victim Recorded as Male
2012	0
2013	1

2014	2
2015	1
2016	7
2017 (to 30 th April)	5

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Year	Number of Crimes of Rape – Victim Recorded as Male Resulted by way of a Charge
2012	6
2013	17
2014	15
2015	15
2016	3
2017 (to 30 th April)	0

Q6

Year	Number of Crimes of Sexual Assault By Penetration– Victim Recorded as Male Resulted by way of a Charge
2012	0
2013	0
2014	0
2015	1
2016	0
2017 (to 30 th April)	0