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I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk Constabulary on the 10th May 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

For your Force area, between January 1st 2017 until April 30th 2017:

- 1 The number of physical assaults, GBH and ABH occurring at newsagents and convenience stores;
- 2 The number of recorded verbal and racial abuse occurring at newsagents and convenience stores;
- 3 The number of knife related incidents occurring at newsagents and convenience stores.

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 6th June 2017

Norfolk Constabulary has located the following information as relevant to your request.

Research has been undertaken of recorded crimes during the period requested. It is not possible to identify newsagents and convenience stores as the category on the crime system is **Shop/Store/Supermarket**. Therefore the results relate to this category.

- Q1 The number of physical assaults, GBH and ABH at these locations are 25.
- Q2 There is no crime category for verbal abuse. Therefore we have used the following offences:-
- Attempted - Sec 5 POA Harassment, alarm or distress
 - Sec 4a POA Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress
 - Sec 5 POA Harassment, alarm or distress

There have been 47 crimes recorded.

- Q3 There have been 3 knife related incidents.

Please note, it is possible that the address of the shop/store has been the nearest address to the incident location and has been used for recording purposes. The crimes have not been reviewed to confirm whether the incident took place within the premises.