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**Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 004914/17**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk Constabulary on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 Please provide the number of rape offence crime reports in 2016 broken down by district
- 2 Please provide the number of rape offence crime reports resulting in a charge in 2016 broken down by district

**Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017

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

Q1

District	Number of Rapes
Breckland	80
Broadland	52
Great Yarmouth	86
Kings Lynn	77
North Norfolk	45
Norwich	178
South Norfolk	56
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>574</b>

Q2 The figures below include outcome Type 1 only where the investigation has been completed and an offender charged/summonsed. Some cases will be ongoing therefore the figures may change once these have been completed.

District	Outcome: Type 1 - Charged/Summonsed/Postal Requisition
Breckland	8
Broadland	3
Great Yarmouth	7
Kings Lynn	3
North Norfolk	6
Norwich	16
South Norfolk	3
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>46</b>

Norfolk Constabulary is committed to robustly investigating all reports of rapes and to providing support to victims throughout the investigative process and resulting court proceedings.

It is important to bear in mind that some of the reports recorded in the year given may have been committed several years previously and consequently this sometimes makes securing convictions even more challenging. We will pursue such non-recent cases vigorously and as with all such investigations the views and desired outcomes expressed by the victim will be central to any decisions made.

Crimes of this nature are extremely distressing for victims and we appreciate how difficult it can be for them to come forward and initially provide their information and ultimately have the courage to give evidence in court about the ordeal they have suffered. This is often done using 'Special Measures' at court to minimise the impact on the victim but ensure that their evidence is presented.

We make every effort to support victims by providing specialist facilities and highly trained officers in these cases. A dedicated Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) was set up in September 2010, which ensures that victims are provided an excellent service in a caring and supportive manner.

Anyone who is a victim of rape or any sexual offence can be reassured that they can and should come forward and contact us. All complaints are taken seriously and we continue to work with partner agencies to provide victims with appropriate support whilst conducting a robust and thorough investigation.