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Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 000494/16

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk Constabulary on the 1st February 2016 in which you sought access to the following information:

During 2015 what quantity of class A drugs were seized by category.

Norfolk Constabulary holds information relevant to your request.

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 establish what information is held by the Constabulary we have contacted our Drugs Disposal Officer and been advised of the following:-

Figures have be obtained from a report on substances identified as Class A, however, there are 600 entries on the report which are unconfirmed as 'other'. Each of these would require further review to see if the substance was a class a type. It is estimated that to review all of these would take approximately 10 to 14 hours.

Please note, it has taken the Drugs Disposal Officer 19 hours to extract the data confirmed as Class A, which has been provided at the end of this response.

Therefore to fully respond to this request would 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 & 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.

Drug Type	Weight (grams)	Quantity
Crack cocaine	472.505	33
Cocaine	260.41	65
Heroin	1306.398	97
LSD		3
Methadone		13
Morphine	16.128	11
Methylamphetamine - Injection		1
Methylamphetamine - Non-injection	1.3	
Ecstasy MDMA	15.476	28
Psilocin mushrooms		50
Dihydrocodeine		9