



NORFOLK
CONSTABULARY
Our Priority is You

February 2020

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 000496/20

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk Constabulary on the 3rd February 2020 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 Since the inception of "Clare's Law," please provide the following information:

The total number of Disclosure Requests by Calendar Year (up to and including 31st January 2020,) by:

Gender,
Age,
Ethnic Origin.

For your ease of reference, please provide the details for the "Person At Risk" i.e. the person for whom the enquiry has been made by directly and/or on behalf of.

- 2 Since the inception of "Clare's Law," please provide the following information:
The gender of the person making the enquiry directly on behalf of the "Person at Risk".

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 5th February 2020.

Norfolk Constabulary has considered your request and our response is below.

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.

Norfolk Constabulary estimates that to retrieve all the information you have requested would exceed cost in excess of £450.

With regard to Right to Know applications, the gender of the person requesting the information is not a mandatory requirement and is not centrally collated. The information may be recorded on forms but this would require the review of all applications received.

Based on number of requests received, even at 3 minutes each, this would exceed the 18 hours and may not produce a full response.

Additionally, the ethnicity is not centrally recorded and again would require a manual review to identify those requests where it is held.

This would therefore 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.

Number of requests:

DVDS	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total number of requests for DVDS	51	66	210	333	393	530	47

Age (where known)	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
15	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
16	2	0	1	0	4	3	0
17	2	1	2	6	6	5	0
18	3	3	4	7	7	13	0
19	1	0	5	8	16	18	0
20	2	1	4	8	6	11	1
21	1	5	10	9	9	15	3
22	0	2	5	11	14	15	0
23	4	4	4	18	14	19	0
24	2	1	14	9	16	25	0
25	2	2	12	12	17	18	1
26	0	2	17	9	20	22	1
27	2	0	9	23	17	26	2
28	2	2	5	9	21	25	3
29	0	1	9	24	13	26	5
30	1	2	4	13	11	16	5
31	0	0	1	14	12	22	2
32	0	2	10	10	20	18	2

33	0	2	4	8	8	16	4
34	1	0	6	11	13	17	0
35	2	1	7	13	8	13	1
36	0	1	6	6	14	22	3
37	2	1	9	16	7	17	0
38	0	1	7	0	12	14	2
39	1	3	5	7	15	11	1
40	0	3	3	4	12	12	1
41	1	4	8	5	6	7	1
42	1	1	3	9	3	7	0
43	0	2	0	5	2	10	1
44	0	0	1	3	7	4	1
45	2	6	3	3	6	10	1
46	1	1	3	5	5	9	1
47	3	0	5	7	8	6	0
48	1	0	0	5	4	3	1
49	2	1	3	6	4	8	1
50	0	4	2	4	4	9	0
51	0	0	1	7	3	1	0
52	1	0	1	3	0	4	0
53	3	1	0	4	1	8	0
54	0	0	1	0	5	5	0
55	0	0	1	2	3	2	0
56	0	1	0	4	3	0	0
57	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
58	1	0	2	0	0	2	0
59	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
60	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
61	0	0	2	0	0	1	0
62	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
63	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
64	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
65	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
66	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
69	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
71	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
72	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
73	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
74	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
75	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
77	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Gender	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Male	1	0	2	8	7	14	2
Female	50	66	208	325	386	516	45