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**Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 005731/17**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk Constabulary on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 How many thefts of 'heating oil' were recorded in the following years: 2014, 2015, 2016 and so far in 2017?
- 2 How many thefts of 'heating oil' were recorded by postcode in 2016?
- 3 How many thefts of heating oil were recorded by month in 2016?

**Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

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

Q1

Theft of Heating Oil			
2014	2015	2016	2017
49	29	100	81

Q2

Postcode
NR147H*
PE321L*
NR34 0B*
NR31 9D*
PE14 9R*
PE14 8J*
NR19 2R*
NR31 9D*
IP22 2D*
IP22 2D*
NR34 0B*
PE33 9G*
PE34 4B*
PE34 3B*

NR35 2A*
NR27 9J*
NR12 7L*
NR10 3A*
NR27 9J*
IP25 6P*
PE14 9D*
PE32 2P*
NR9 4D*
NR31 9H*
NR16 2A*
NR20 3L*
NR31 9D*
NR21 7A*
PE34 4H*
NR16 2S*
NR9 5J*
PE32 2N*
NR20 5J*
NR28 9N*
NR35 2P*
PE33 0D*
NR20 4B*
NR31 9B*
NR31 0A*
NR20 4U*
NR31 9H*
NR35 2P*
NR21 7H*
PE34 4P*
NR17 1A*
NR11 8P*
NR13 4E*
NR17 1J*
PE34 4D*
NR34 0B*

NR13 4P*
NR31 9D*
IP25 7A*
NR10 5N*
PE34 3N*
NR29 5Q*
NR10 5B*
NR17 1X*
NR17 1X*
NR34 0E*
PE14 8T*
PE34 4S*
PE33 9**
NR14 6A*
NR9 5R*
NR12 8A*
NR25 6L*
PE34 3E*
NR12 9J*
PE38 0A*
IP25 7D*
NR21 7Q*
NR17 1L*
NR17 1L*
NR20 4E*
NR17 1D*
NR13 4E*
PE33 9D*
PE32 2L*
PE32 2L*
PE32 2L*
PE33 9A*
NR24 2D*
NR14 7E*
NR25 7T*
PE36 5L*

NR15 1Y*
PE32 1E*
NR35 2P*
NR29 4N*
IP26 5B*
IP26 5A*
NR29 3Q*
PE14 7P*
IP20 0B*
IP22 2B*
NR21 7N*
NR11 7Q*
NR29 3N*
PE14 7R*

Q3

2016	
Month	Number
January	11
February	9
March	9
April	8
May	3
June	3
July	9
August	5
September	8
October	6
November	11
December	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

The full postcodes have not been provided due to exemptions within the Act.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires that Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) is to provide you the applicant with a notice ban which:

- a. States that fact
- b. Specifies the exemption(s) in question and

- c. States (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption(s) applies.

The information is exempt from disclosure by virtue of the following exemption(s);

- **Section 40(2) – Personal Information**

Section 40 – whilst section 40 is a class based absolute exemption and there is no requirement to consider the harm or public interest, there is a requirement under sub-section 40(2), if the information requested relates to third parties, to articulate why disclosure would breach the Data Protection Act principles.

Personal data means data that relates to a living individual who can be identified from that data or from that data and other data that is in the possession of, or likely to come into the possession of, the Data Controller. Principle 1 of the Data Protection Act states that personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully.

The latest advice from the Information Commissioner, when applying the exemption at section 40(2), is to firstly consider fairness. Fairness relates to consideration of expectation and consequences in relation to the use of a person's personal data. It is reasonable to assume that members of the public, would expect their personal data to be kept confidential and in accordance with the Data Protection Act, and that information would not be made publicly available by releasing the details via the Freedom of Information Act process. Once released the information is published on the Norfolk Constabulary website and is available to any internet user.

Partial postcodes have been provided because a full postcode could potentially identify addresses where a theft has occurred and therefore identify victims of the crimes.

It is for the above reasons that the full postcodes have not been provided and the exemption at section 40 engaged.