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Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 005754/17

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

For question two you have said that extracting the data would exceed time limit.

My understanding is that each reported crime, at the time details are obtained either by Officers or Police staff, is subject to some level of investigation such as checking whether there may be independent or non-independent witnesses, any CCTV footage or any forensic evidence opportunities. These checks are made by attending staff or officers or over the telephone in each and every case as a mandatory standard of crime investigation.

I would like to understand how many crimes are not investigated beyond this point. Please provide data for crimes closed with a 'No further action' disposal. I understand that this does not mean no investigation was carried out. I believe that extracting this data should not exceed the time limit.

Original request:

2 The number of crimes that are investigated (or 'screened in'), in each of the following categories, broken down by calendar year, from 2012 to 2016, beyond this initial recording of the crime (as per question 1 above).

- A Burglary in a dwelling
- B Robbery of personal property
- C Theft of motor vehicles
- D Actual bodily harm
- E Grievous bodily harm
- F Rape
- G Other sexual assault

Please calculate the total number of crimes where an investigation has been carried out for each category and provide a single figure for each category. Please do not provide a list or register of all crimes and the reasons they have been dropped.

If the number of any crimes are below 5 per year, please use "<5" so as to avoid breaching the Data Protection Act 1998.

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 3rd August 2017.

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

The following information has been extracted from the Constabulary's crime systems which cover the period requested. Prior to April 2014, the Constabulary recorded crime disposals which did not include an NFA disposal code. For this request we have used the following

outcomes. Please note, figures from 20th October 2015 have been extracted from the Athena crime system and have been provided in a separate table.

- **Type 9** – Not in the Public Interest (CPS)
- **Type 10** – Not in the Public Interest (Police)
- **Type 11** - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Is Below The Age Of Criminal Responsibility
- **Type 12** - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Is Too Ill (Physical Or Mental Health) To Prosecute
- **Type 13** - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Victim Or Key Witness Is Dead Or Too Ill To Give Evidence
- **Type 14** - Evidential Difficulties Victim Based- Suspect Not Identified: Crime Confirmed But The Victim Either Declines Or Unable To Support Further Police Investigation To Identify The Offender
- **Type 15** - Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action
- **Type 16** - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action
- **Type 17** – Suspect identified but time limit has expired
- **Type 18** - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available

2014 (from 01/04/2014)	
Sexual assault	256
Rape	200
Sexual Activity involving a child	152
Causing sexual activity without consent	2
Incest or Familial sexual offences	9
Other miscellaneous sexual offences	3
Burglary in a Dwelling	654
Attempted Burglary in a Dwelling	121
Distraction Burglary in a Dwelling	5
Attempt Distraction Burglary in a Dwelling	1
Aggravated burglary in a dwelling	5
Robbery of personal property	90
Theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle	256
Inflicting GBH without intent	46
Actual bodily harm and other injury	1772
Racially or religiously aggravated inflicting GBH without intent	1
Racially or religiously aggravated ABH or other injury	3
2015 (To 19/10/2015)	
Sexual assault	57
Rape	284
Sexual assault	296
Sexual Activity involving a child	189
Causing sexual activity without consent	5
Incest or Familial sexual offences	20
Other miscellaneous sexual offences	4

Burglary in a Dwelling	788
Attempted Burglary in a Dwelling	163
Distraction Burglary in a Dwelling	5
Attempt Distraction Burglary in a Dwelling	1
Aggravated burglary in a dwelling	3
Robbery of personal property	137
Theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle	292
Inflicting GBH without intent	70
Actual bodily harm and other injury	2259
Racially or religiously aggravated ABH or other injury	10

2015 (From 20/10/2015)	
Aggravated vehicle taking	2
Aggravated vehicle taking where the only aggravating factor is criminal damage of £5000 or under	1
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (ABH)	548
Assault of a female child	2
Assault on a female by penetration (Indictable)	1
Assault on a male by penetration (Indictable)	1
Cause or Inciting the sexual exploitation of a child	1
Causing a child to watch a sexual act	4
Causing or inciting a child to engage in sexual activity	23
Engage in sexual communication with a child	1
Dwelling Burglary with intent to commit indictable offence	5
AGGRAVATED DWELLING BURGLARY (Indictable)	7
DISTRACTION DWELLING BURGLARY	2
DWELLING BURGLARY	213
GBH serious wound without intent (s20)	18
Racially or religiously aggravated assault or assault occasioning actual bodily harm	7
Rape	80
Robbery (Personal) (Indictable)	36
Sexual activity with a child family member	9
Sexual activity with a child	9
Sexual assault	68
Theft of a motor vehicle	64
Unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle (does not include 'driving or being carried knowing motor vehicle has been taken')	12
2016	
Actually bodily harm and other injury	4
Aggravated vehicle taking	22
Aggravated vehicle taking where the only aggravating factor is criminal damage of £5000 or under	7
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (ABH)	2909
Assault of a child by penetration (Indictable)	5

Assault on a female by penetration (Indictable)	31
Assault on a male by penetration (Indictable)	5
Cause or Inciting the sexual exploitation of a child	1
Causing a child to watch a sexual act	16
Causing a person to engage in sexual activity without consent	1
Causing or inciting a child to engage in sexual activity	105
Engaging in sexual activity in the presence of a child	2
Attempted Dwelling Burglary with intent to commit indictable offence	1
Attempted dwelling burglary with violence/threat of violence	1
Dwelling Burglary with intent to commit indictable offence	60
Dwelling burglary with violence/threat of violence	1
AGGRAVATED DWELLING BURGLARY (Indictable)	9
DISTRACTION DWELLING BURGLARY	6
DWELLING BURGLARY	913
GBH serious wound without intent (s20)	51
Racially or religiously aggravated assault or assault occasioning actual bodily harm	16
Rape	381
Robbery (Personal) (Indictable)	208
Sexual activity with a child family member	18
Sexual activity with a child	93
Sexual activity with a person with a mental disorder impeding choice	5
Sexual assault of a child	58
Sexual assault on a female	291
Sexual assault on a male	37
Sexual assault on a child	23
Theft of a motor vehicle	340
Unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle (does not include 'driving or being carried knowing motor vehicle has been taken')	58

With regard to reports of rape and sexual assaults, Norfolk Constabulary is committed to robustly investigating all reports 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.