



NORFOLK
CONSTABULARY
Our Priority is You

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Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 005756/17

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk Constabulary on the 19th July 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request a copy of the public vote for begging and street drinking, including how many people voted, the results and questions asked and minutes from any meeting where this was discussed. As it was made priority for the Norwich East Safer Neighbourhood Team, as a member of the public I would like to know this information.

I also request the information of how many Section 35's were given and how many arrests were made on the 15th and 16th July 2017 and the location of the Section 35's and arrests.

Lastly I would like to know if you provided a safe place for anyone that was given a Section 35 or advised them where the best place to move to.

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 24th July 2017.

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

Local Priority Setting

The criteria for selection of issues to put to the public vote:-

1. Relevance to policing eg Police would not normally adopt a non-policing issue as a priority
2. Threat, Risk and Harm and or significant impact on the local community.
3. Protecting vulnerable communities
4. Achievability

For the last priority setting process for Norwich East (city centre) run at the end of May. The Public were asked to choose their priority from the flagged issues as described below, the results were;

1. **Aggressive begging – 43% (173 votes).**
2. Drugs, Pottergate – 22% (88 votes).
3. Prostitution Rosary Rd – 20% (83 votes).
4. Drugs, Heathgate – 15% (61 votes).

Total votes cast: 405

Total reach across social media platforms 9671 people

The vote is undertaken on line and then implemented as per the chosen issue, as such there is no meeting and as such no minutes produced.

Details of those provided with Section 35 notices during the period requested:-

Details of Individual	Location	Address/Safe Place
Male, 47 yrs	St Stephens Street	No fixed abode. Refused to accept bed at Hostel. Allowed access to Soup Kitchen
Male, 46 yrs	St Stephens Street	Safe place – home address Soup kitchen access not required
Male, 38 yrs	St Stephens Street	Safe place – home address Allowed access to Soup Kitchen
Male, 40 yrs	St Giles Street	Safe place – home address Allowed access to Soup Kitchen
Male, 33 yrs	London Street	Safe place – home address Allowed access to Soup Kitchen
Male, 43 yrs	Haymarket	Safe place – home address Allowed access to Soup Kitchen
Male, 45 yrs	St Giles Street	Safe place – home address Allowed access to Soup Kitchen
Male, 57 yrs	London Street	Safe place – home address Allowed access to Soup Kitchen
Male, 31 yrs	Haymarket	Safe place – home address Allowed access to Soup Kitchen
Male, 50 yrs	Haymarket	Safe place – home address Allowed access to Soup Kitchen

Arrests/ reported for Summons:-

Details of Individual	Location	Details
Male, 27 yrs	Prince of Wales Road	Arrested for Begging. Has a home address
Male, 40 yrs	Haymarket	Reported for Breach of ASBO. Has a home address
Male, 31 yrs	Rampant Horse Street	Arrested for Public Order Offence & Possession of Bladed Article. Has a home address
Male, 33 yrs	Haymarket	Arrested and remanded in custody for Possession with Intent to Supply. No fixed abode