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### **Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 005947/17**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk Constabulary on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

I'm looking for the statistics of drink-drive accidents and casualties for the years 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 (2016 if available)

Please can you break the statistics down into:

- Year
- Local authority region
- accidents by fatal, serious, minor
- Casualties by fatal, serious, minor
- Casualty type (eg passenger, driver, pedestrian)
- And age groups you have available (e.g. 0-15, 16-24, 25-59, 60+).

### **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, relevant to your request, we have contacted our Roads Policing and Firearms Operations Unit. They have advised that they are able to provide details of injury collisions where it is believed that drink driving has been a contributory factor. To confirm if drink driving was the primary cause of the collision it would be necessary to review the full collision files.

This would require the manual review of 230 collision files and this 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.

The following information has been provided by the Roads Policing Unit. The details are based on the initial collision report detailing that drink driving is believed to be a contributory factor in the collision. As above, It has not been confirmed that drink driving was the primary cause.

	2013	2014	2015	2016
<b>Severity</b>	Number of Collisions			
Fatal	1	0	0	1
Serious	8	12	9	13
Slight	38	42	49	57
Total	47	54	58	71
<b>Severity</b>	Number of Casualties			
Fatal	1	0	0	1
Serious	12	12	10	15
Slight	62	57	71	75
Total	75	69	81	91
<b>District</b>	Number of Collisions			
Breckland	9	5	15	10
Broadland	5	9	6	16
Great Yarmouth	3	5	6	6
Norwich	6	12	6	9
North Norfolk	6	3	5	4
South Norfolk	11	8	9	12
Kings Lynn & West Norfolk	7	12	11	14
Total	47	54	58	71
<b>Age Group</b>	Number of Casualties			
0-15	1	4	1	6
16-24	20	9	25	18
25-59	43	51	46	55
60-99	9	5	9	10
Unknown	2	0	0	2
Total	75	69	81	91