



NORFOLK
CONSTABULARY
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Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 000605/20

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk Constabulary on the 10th February 2020 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 Do you have a specific rural crime strategy?
- 2 How many rural crime officers (or officers trained to tackle rural crime) did your force have in the following years?
 - I 2010
 - II 2015
 - III 2019
- 3 Are you able to identify crimes that happen in a rural or urban area when you record crimes on your crime database?
- 4 If answered yes to question 4, can you please tell me how many crimes happened in a rural area and urban areas in the following years?
 - I 2010
 - II 2015
 - III 2019
- 5 What are three most common rural crimes committed in your area in the following years?
 - I 2010
 - II 2015
 - III 2019

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 26th February 2020.

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

- Q1 The Constabulary's Rural Policing Strategy is published and can be accessed via the link below:
https://www.norfolk.police.uk/sites/norfolk/files/ruralpolicingstrategy2019digital_0.pdf

Under Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act (2000), public authorities are not required to provide information that is reasonably accessible to the public by other means; in this case via the Norfolk Constabulary website, therefore, in accordance with Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act (2000), this serves as a Refusal Notice for this part of your request.

- Q2 The Constabulary has one Rural Crime specific Police Constable, along with Rural Beat Managers. However, there are also officers who have the skill of Wildlife Crime Officer. There are currently 30 officers who have the Wildlife Crime competency. The figures for 2010 and 2015 are not held.

Q3 The Constabulary has beat areas which are Urban or Rural and therefore a crime location will be within either a Rural Beat Area or an Urban Beat Area.

Q4

Year	Rural	Urban	Not confirmed	Total
2010	10729	27026	4290	42045
2015	12970	30681	3545	47196
2019	18278	45800	1215	65293

Q5 Of the above, the most common offences recorded in a Rural area is provided below. Please note, that due to a change in crime recording system in October 2015, two sets of figures have been provided for that year.

Offence Category	2010	2015 (19 Oct)
Violence Against Person	2005	3800
Theft Other	2828	2128
Criminal Damage	2506	1686

Offence Category	2015 (from 20 Oct)	2019
VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON	812	7099
THEFT	456	2744
ARSON AND CRIMINAL DAMAGE	365	2450