



**NORFOLK**  
CONSTABULARY  
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August 2017

### **Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 006068/17**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk Constabulary on the 11<sup>th</sup> August 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

I'm writing under the Freedom of Information to request a breakdown of the number of police incidents in your force area over the last five years to the date of request involving a moped, motorbike or scrambler bike:

- 1 Please could you tell me how many moped/motorbike/scrambler bike-enabled crimes there have been in your force area over the last five years?
- 2 Could you break this figure down by:
  - A Month
  - B Type of vehicle involved
  - C Offence type e.g. thefts, assaults, robberies, assault with injury etc

### **Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 11<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

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, in respect of your request for information, we have contacted our Joint Performance and Analysis Department. They have advised that there is no simple process to identify relevant crime reports. They have therefore carried out research of recorded crimes using just the keyword of moped and this has returned 703 reports, since 2013. Looking at just these crimes would take in excess of 58 hours.

Therefore this would exceed the appropriate limit for dealing with a Freedom of Information request, 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 in relation to a previous similar request. 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.

JPAD has undertaken research of Theft from the Person and Robbery offences only and used 'moped' as a keyword. Please see results below:-

Date	Offence	Details
March 2013	Robbery (Personal)	IP approached by two suspects on a moped. IP assaulted and one male grabbed his mobile phone. Also demanded his cash and bank card. Suspects then rode off on the moped
August 2015	Robbery (Personal)	Two men on a moped. One of the men approached the victim on foot and grabbed the handles of her handbag which was on front of mobility scooter. The victim got hold of her bag and the male gave up. They rode away on the moped.
July 2016	Theft - Person	A black moped came past at slow speed, the rider grabbed the IP's phone out of his hand and sped off.