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Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 000695/19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk Constabulary on the 18th February 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, and within the legal timeframe, can you please tell me:

How much money has been paid out in compensation by your force for wrongful arrests from January 1, 2015 to February 15, 2019?

Can I get those figures broken down by calendar year.

What were the offences the arrested people were suspected of committing?

How many people were paid compensation by your force in each of those years?

What was the total budget for your force in each of those years?

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 26th February 2019.

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

Research has been undertaken of the LACHs claims management system which is used to record actual payments. The figures below were made in respect of claims which included a claim for wrongful arrest, as well as other causes of action. Therefore, the payments do not just reflect compensation for wrongful arrest.

Year	Compensation Paid
2015	£2,500
2016	£21,500
2017	£46,000
2018	£32,500
2019 (to 15/02/19)	Nil

The offences were:-

- Assault on police
- Theft
- Threats to kill
- Obstruction, assault, criminal damage
- Outraging public decency
- Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress
- Administering a noxious substance

- Unknown

Year	Number of Individuals
2015	1
2016	4
2017	3
2018	3
2019 (to 15/02/19)	0

Please see below total force budget figures:-

2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
148,154	146,780	148,928	149,713	154,555