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Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 007213/17

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk Constabulary on the 9th November 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

- A The number of people who have been arrested for begging (or offences under S.3 Vagrancy Act 1824) for each calendar year from 2014 to 2017 (to date) (so 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 to date).
- B The number of people who have been charged with begging (or offences under S.3 Vagrancy Act 1824) in each calendar year from 2014 to 2017 (to date) (so 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 to date).
- C The number of people who have been arrested for causing or allowing a child to beg (or offences under S.4 Children and Young Persons Act 1933) for each calendar year from 2014 to 2017 (to date) (so 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 to date).
- D The number of people who have been charged with causing or allowing a child to beg (or offences under S.4 Children and Young Persons Act 1933) in each calendar year from 2014 to 2017 (to date) (so 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 to date).

Response to your Request

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

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

Arrest Offence	Number
2014	
Begging	33
Begging 'Persistent'	27
2015	
Begging	48
2016	
Begging	14
Begging – Persistent	1
2017	
Begging	14
Begging – Persistent	4

Please see below the number resulting in 'charge'.

Arrest Offence	Charged
2014	
Begging	33
Begging 'Persistent'	27
2015	
Begging	48
2016	
Begging	14
Begging – Persistent	1
2017	
Begging	11
Begging – Persistent	4

There is no arrest category for 'causing or allowing a child to beg (or offences under S.4 Children and Young Persons Act 1933)'.