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Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 007296/17

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk Constabulary on the 15th November 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 Please provide the number of reports of criminal damage to motor vehicles broken down by year (2015, 2016, 2017 year-to-date)
- 2 Please provide the number of investigations carried out following a reports criminal damage to motor vehicles broken down by year (2015, 2016, 2017 year-to-date) with details on the outcome if possible
- 3 Please provide either the total value or an approximation of the total value of damage to motor vehicles because of criminal damage broken down by year (2015, 2016, 2017 year-to-date)

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 identify relevant information, we have contacted our Joint Performance and Analysis Department (JPAD). They have undertaken research of recorded crimes for the offence 'Criminal Damage to a Vehicle'. They have advised that it is not possible to extract accurate information regarding the value of the damage to the vehicles. In some cases this has been recorded within the freetext and on some crimes the vehicle value has been recorded. Out of the full number of reports in 2016 and 2017, there are only 826 reports where a value has been recorded within the property field.

Therefore to manually review the remainder of the crimes to see what information regarding value is held, this would significantly 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 and 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.

2015	
Outcome	Criminal Damage to a Vehicle
01. Charged/Summons	170
02. Caution-Youths	30
03. Caution-Adults	42
06. Penalty Notices for Disorder	2
08.1. Restorative / Youth Restorative Disposal	41
08.2. Extended Professional Judgement	59
09. Not in the Public Interest (CPS) (all offences)	2
10. Not in the Public Interest (Police)	5
11. Suspect is below age of criminal responsibility	5
12. Suspect is too ill to prosecute	3
14. No Suspect. Victim declines/unable to support	13
15. Victim supports but evidential difficulties prevent	162
16. Suspect ID. Victim does not support (or has withdrawn)	71
18. No Suspect. Crime investigated. Case closed pending	1848
Not recorded	7
Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition	37
Type 2 - Caution Youth	2
Type 3 - Caution Adult	4
Type 4 - TIC - Taken into Consideration	2
Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)	11
Type 9 - Prosecution Not In the Public Interest (CPS)	2
Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police)	3

Type 11 - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Is Below The Age Of Criminal Responsibility	1
Type 12 - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Is Too Ill (Physical Or Mental Health) To Prosecute	2
Type 14 - Evidential Difficulties Victim Based- Suspect Not Identified: Crime Confirmed But The Victim Either Declines Or Unable To Support Further Police Investigation To Identify The Offender	18
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action	24
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action	23
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available	450
Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency subject to the victim (or person acting on their behalf) being made aware of the act to be taken	2
Grand Total	3041

2016	
Outcome	Criminal Damage to a Vehicle
Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition	235
Type 1A - Charged/Summons - alternate offence. Offender has been charged under the alternate offence rule.	3
Type 2 - Caution Youth	12
Type 3 - Caution Adult	39
Type 4 - TIC - Taken into Consideration	1
Type 5 - Offender has died	2
Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)	80
Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police)	7
Type 11 - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Is Below The Age Of Criminal Responsibility	13
Type 12 - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Is Too Ill (Physical Or Mental Health) To Prosecute	9
Type 14 - Evidential Difficulties Victim Based- Suspect Not Identified: Crime Confirmed But The Victim Either Declines Or Unable To Support Further Police Investigation To Identify The Offender	62
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action	136
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action	126
Type 17 - Prosecution Time Limit Expired: Suspect Identified But Prosecution Time Limit Has Expired	1
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available	2203
Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency subject to the victim (or person acting on their behalf) being made aware of the act to be taken	3
Type 21 - Further investigation resulting from crime report which could provide evidence sufficient to support formal action against the suspect is not in the public interest - police decision.	2

Not Recorded	14
Grand Total	2948

2017	
Outcome	Criminal Damage to a Vehicle
Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition	160
Type 1A - Charged/Summons - alternate offence. Offender has been charged under the alternate offence rule.	1
Type 2 - Caution Youth	5
Type 3 - Caution Adult	37
Type 5 - Offender has died	1
Type 6 - Penalty notice for disorder	1
Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)	33
Type 9 - Prosecution Not In the Public Interest (CPS)	1
Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police)	2
Type 11 - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Is Below The Age Of Criminal Responsibility	9
Type 12 - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Is Too Ill (Physical Or Mental Health) To Prosecute	18
Type 14 - Evidential Difficulties Victim Based- Suspect Not Identified: Crime Confirmed But The Victim Either Declines Or Unable To Support Further Police Investigation To Identify The Offender	29
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action	63
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action	71
Type 17 - Prosecution Time Limit Expired: Suspect Identified But Prosecution Time Limit Has Expired	1
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available	1912
Type 21 - Further investigation resulting from crime report which could provide evidence sufficient to support formal action against the suspect is not in the public interest - police decision.	1
Not Recorded	285
Grand Total	2630