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Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 000788/20

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 21st February 2020 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 The number of a) arrests and b) charges made by the force under the Vagrancy Act 1824 in each of the last five calendar years (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and so far in 2020), broken down by offence.

I am not seeking information on the prostitution and indecency clauses of Section 3; accordingly, please break down charges and arrests for the following Section 3 offences if possible:

- Wandering abroad to beg or gather alms
- Placing self in public place to beg
- Procuring child to beg
- Person other than prostitute being idle and disorderly
- Causing child to beg
- Collecting alms or endeavouring to procure charitable contribution by false pretence
- Wandering abroad and exposing wound or deformity to obtain alms
- Persistently beg
- Sleeping out

- 2 The number of individuals arrested under the Vagrancy Act 1824 in each of the last five calendar years (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and so far in 2020) who:
 - A Were listed as having no fixed abode / no fixed address
 - B Were subsequently charged with an offence
 - C Were issued a fine
- 3 Please provide the amount of each fine given for offences under the Vagrancy Act 1824 in the last five calendar years (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and so far in 2020).

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 4th March 2020.

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have considered your request and our response is below.

Q1

Arrest Offence	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
NORFOLK					
Begging	14	14	12	2	0
Begging - Persistent	1	4	1	0	1
TOTAL	15	18	13	2	1

SUFFOLK					
Begging	0	0	0	1	0
Begging - Persistent	0	0	0	2	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	3	0

Of the above, those resulted in 'charge'.

Arrest Offence	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
NORFOLK					
Begging	14	11	12	2	0
Begging - Persistent	1	4	1	0	1
TOTAL	15	15	13	2	1
SUFFOLK					
Begging	0	0	0	1	0
Begging - Persistent	0	0	0	2	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	3	0

Q2 The following provides details of those listed with no fixed abode.

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
NORFOLK					
No Fixed Abode	5	2	4	0	1
Not Recorded	3	8	3	2	0
Address Recorded	7	8	6	0	0
TOTAL	15	18	15	2	1
SUFFOLK					
No Fixed Abode	0	0	0	1	0
Address Recorded	0	0	0	2	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	3	0

Of the above, those resulted in 'charge'.

Arrest Offence	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
NORFOLK					
Begging	5	1	4	0	0
Begging - Persistent	0	1	0	0	1
TOTAL	5	2	4	0	0
SUFFOLK					
Begging	0	0	0	1	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	1	0

Q3 The Constabularies do not hold the details of court appearances and therefore do not hold the details of whether any individuals have received a fine.