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Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 000879/16

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk Constabulary on the 26th February 2016 in which you sought access to the following information:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding Child Abduction Warning Notices issued by your police force. Please find attached the details of the request.

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act on how many Child Abduction Warning Notices your police force has issued. The information provided will be used for policy and public campaigning on related issues.

- 1 How many Child Abduction Warning Notices in cases where a child was under the age of 16 were issued in your police force area in total in the following periods of time:
 - (a) Between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015
 - (b) Between 1 April 2015 and 31 December 2015

- 2 How many of the total number of Child Abduction Warning Notices in question 1 were issued in cases where a child under the age of 16 was a Looked After Child in the following periods of time:
 - (a) Between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015
 - (b) Between 1 April 2015 and 31 December 2015

- 3 How many Child Abduction Warning Notices were issued in your police force area in cases where a child was aged 16 or 17 and either in care of the Local Authority or in police protection or on emergency protection order in the following periods of time:
 - (a) Between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015
 - (b) Between 1 April 2015 and 31 December 2015

Norfolk Constabulary holds information relevant to your request.

Response to your Request

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

In Sept 2013 Norfolk Constabulary created the Missing Persons Coordinator role with the aims of reducing and protecting missing people. A key tool in this was the use of Child Abduction notices. In 2014 the Missing Persons Coordinator re-wrote the guidance on Child Abduction Warning Notices and gave advice and support to uniformed and non-uniformed police officers on how to use them. From November 2013 onwards, all child abduction notices were recorded on the missing person's system COMPACT. The following figures have been taken from this system.

Q1 Child Abduction Notices in cases where child is under 16yrs

Date	Number
01/04/14 – 31/03/15	18
01/04/15 – 31/12/15	17

Q2 & 3 Child abduction notices where the child was in the care of the local authority

Date	Under 16yrs LAC	16-17yrs LAC / Other
01/04/14 – 31/03/15	9	17
01/04/15 – 31/12/15	7	11