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Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 000911/20

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk Constabulary on the 2nd March 2020 in which you sought access to the following information:

I am after a yearly breakdown of the number of people charged with a drug-driving offence and the number of people tested for drug-driving.

In particular, are you able to provide me with:

- 1 A yearly breakdown of the total number of people charged with a drug-driving related offence. Please could you provide a breakdown for the past five years, starting with March 2015 – February 2016, March 2016 – February 2017, March 2017 – February 2018, March 2018 – February 2019 and March 2019 – February 2020.
- 2 A yearly breakdown of the total number of people who tested positive for drug-driving. Please could you provide a breakdown for the past five years, starting with March 2015 – February 2016, March 2016 – February 2017, March 2017 – February 2018, March 2018 – February 2019 and March 2019 – February 2020.
- 3 A yearly breakdown of the total number of people who were tested for drug-driving. Please could you provide a breakdown for the past five years, starting with March 2015 – February 2016, March 2016 – February 2017, March 2017 – February 2018, March 2018 – February 2019 and March 2019 – February 2020.

If Question 3 cannot be answered, or answering so would prove too costly or time consuming, could you please provide me with figures for just Questions 1 and 2.

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 24th March 2020.

Norfolk Constabulary has considered your request and our response is below.

Q1 We are only able to extract custody data from October 2015 onwards. Provided below are figures for drug driving offences. Please note, some arrest reasons refer to driving under the influence of drink or drugs. Figures are for those with the outcome 'Charge' or 'Charge – Postal'.

Arrest Offence	20/10/15 – 29/02/16	01/03/16 – 28/02/17	01/03/17 – 28/02/18	01/03/18 – 28/02/19	01/03/19 – 29/02/20
Driving – Causing Death By Careless Driving When Under The Influence Of Drink Or Drugs	2	2	0	0	0
Driving – Excess Drugs	18	178	207	350	170
Driving – In Charge – Unfit Through Drink/Drugs	12	41	33	34	25
Driving – Unfit Through Drink/Drugs	30	66	51	45	29
TOTAL	62	287	291	429	234

Q2/3 The following information has been provided by the Joint Norfolk and Suffolk Roads Policing Team (RAPT). It relates to the number of people tested for drug driving. Statistics are recorded per financial year (1st April to 31st March).

RAPT do not track individual kit usage, rather they track stock levels per base, therefore the figures provided relate to the number of kits in stock as at 31st March. These figures should therefore be used as an estimation for the usage of devices.

The number of kits in stock are for Norfolk only. The figures for positive tests during 2015/16 and 2016/17 are only recorded as a % for both Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies. Figures for 2017/18 onwards are for Norfolk only.

Financial Year	Number of Kits	Positive Tests
2015/16	625	24%*
2016/17	2200	26%*
2017/18	1650	550
2018/19	2450	813
2019/20	1625	874

*Joint Norfolk/Suffolk figure