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**Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 000096/17**

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk Constabulary on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

For each of the years 2014, 2015 and 2016 could you please tell me, within the cost limit

- 1 How many guns were seized by your police force?
- 2 How many people were arrested for gun possession?
  
- 3 How many imitation firearms were seized?
- 4 How many people were arrested for possession of an imitation firearm?
  
- 5 How many stun guns were seized?
- 6 How many people were arrested for possession of a stun gun?
  
- 7 What was the youngest age of a person arrested for a: possessing a gun? b: possessing an imitation firearm? c: possessing a stun gun?

Norfolk Constabulary holds information relevant to your request.

**Response to your Request**

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

The following information, in relation to seized guns, has been extracted from the Constabulary's property system:-

	2014	2015	2016
Number of Guns Seized	1119	994	805
Number of Replica/Imitation Guns Seized	389	224	267
Number of Stun Guns Seized	9	7	3

Please see below arrest information. Please note a new custody database was introduced in October 2015, therefore the arrest offence wording is slightly different from that time.

Offence	Year		
	2014	2015	2016
Possession of a firearm		1	
Possession of a firearm with intent to cause fear.	1		
Poss Imitation Firearm	1		
Possession of prohibited firearms	1		
Possession and supply of prohibited firearms	1		
Possession firearm / imitation firearm to cause harassment /alarm/distress	1		
Possession of a Firearm in a public place		1	
Possession of a firearm with intent to cause fear of violence	1		
Possession of a firearms with intent to cause alarm Sec 16A		1	
Possession of a S1 Firearm		1	
Possession of a section 1 firearm, shotgun certification offences, Failure to secure shotguns and firearm	1		
Possession of a stungun		1	
Possession of an imitation firearm		1	
Possession of an imitation firearm in public		1	
Possession of firearm	1		
Possession of firearm in a public place		1	
Possession of firearm in public place	1		
Possession of firearm or imitation firearm, namely black handgun, with intent to cause immediate fear of violence	1		
Possession of firearm with intent to cause fear of violence	1		
Possession of Firearms with intent to cause fear of violence	1		
possession of imitation firearm with the intent to cause fire		1	
Possession of imitation firearm		1	
Possession of shotgun without a licence	1		
Possession S1 Firearm (handgun)		1	
Possession s5 and s1firearms offences	1		
Possession S5 Firearm	2		
Possession Sect 1 firearm	1		
Unlawful possession of a firearm	1	1	
Possessing air weapon or imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence (Indictable)			1
Possessing etc firearms or ammunition without firearm certificate		1	5
Possessing etc shotgun without certificate			1
Possessing firearm or imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence (Indictable)		3	14
Possessing firearm or imitation firearm with intent to commit indictable offence or resist arrest (Indictable)			1
Possessing firearm or imitation while committing or being arrested for offences in Schedule 1 Firearms Act 1968 (Indictable)			2
Possessing or distributing firearm designed as other object (Indictable)			6
Possessing or distributing prohibited weapons or ammunition (Indictable)		1	4
Possessing shotgun or imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence (Indictable)			1

Possession of firearms by persons previously convicted of crime (Group III)		1	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>36</b>

Please see below the youngest person arrested for:-

- Possession of an Imitation Firearm – 13 years
- Possession of a Firearm – 17 years
- Possession of a Stungun – 41 years