



NORFOLK
CONSTABULARY
Our Priority is You

5th October 2018

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 003314/18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk Constabulary on the 12th September 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

I wish to know the total number of children under the age of 18 who have been arrested for drugs-related offences in the past eight years, divided by financial year (2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-2017, 2017-18)

For each case can you let me know:

- The child's age
- Their gender
- What offence they were arrested for
- The drug or type of drugs involved (if known)

Response to your Request

When responding to a request for information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act (2000), 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 of the information you have requested would exceed cost in excess of £450.

Research has been undertaken of custody records in relation to persons under 18 being arrested for drug related offences. This has returned just over 300 records for the full period requested. It would be necessary to review the freetext of each custody record in order to confirm the type of drug. Based on 5 minutes each this would exceed 25 hours.

This would therefore 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 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.

2010-2011				
Arrest Offence	Male			
	14	15	16	17
Concerned in the supply of Class A drugs	0	1	0	0
Dp found in possession of 3 bags of white powder	0	0	0	1
Possession Of Class A	0	0	1	0
Production of cannabis	1	0	0	0
PWITS	0	0	1	1
Suspicion of possession of controlled drug	0	0	1	0
Grand Total	1	1	3	2

2011-2012					
Arrest Offence	Female			Male	
	14	15	16	15	17
Conspiracy to supply class A drug	1	0	0	0	0
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Possession Cannabis	0	1	0	0	0
Possession Controlled substance	0	0	0	0	1
Possession of ketamine	0	0	1	0	0
Production of a controlled drug. Cannabis	0	0	0	1	0
Grand Total	1	1	1	1	2

2012-2013						
Arrest Offence	Female			Male		
	15	16	17	15	16	17
Concerned supply class A	0	0	0	0	0	1
SUSPECTED OF CULTIVATING CANNABIS	0	0	0	0	0	1
Possess cannabis	0	0	0	0	0	1
Possession of cannabis	0	0	1	0	2	1
Possession of cannabis class b	0	0	0	0	0	1
Possession of class b ketamine	0	1	0	0	0	0
PWITS	1	0	0	0	0	0
PWITS Class A	0	0	0	1	0	0
Grand Total	1	1	1	1	2	5

2013-2014					
Arrest Offence	Female	Male			
	16	14	15	16	17
Cultivating class b drug	0	0	0	1	0
Cultivation cannabis	0	0	0	1	0
Possession of controlled rug, Cannabis	0	0	0	0	1
Possession of cannabis	0	1	0	1	4
Possession of controlled drug	0	0	0	0	1
Possession of drugs cannabis	0	0	0	0	1
Possession of small amount of herbal cannabis	0	0	0	1	0
Possession with intent to Supply Cannabis	0	0	0	0	1
PWITS	0	0	1	0	2
PWITS - Cannabis	1	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	1	1	1	4	10

2014-2015					
Arrest Offence	Female	Male			
	16	14	15	16	17
CONCERNED IN SUPPLY OF CONTROLLED DRUG	0	1	0	0	0
Conspiracy to Supply Class 'A' Drugs	0	0	0	1	0
DP in possession of a controlled drug class B and class A.	0	0	0	0	1
Possession of Cannabis	0	0	1	0	0
Possession of cannabis	1	0	0	3	1
POSSESSION OF CLASS A DRUG WITH INTENT TO SUPPLY	0	1	0	0	0
Possession With Intent to Supply	0	0	0	1	1
PWITS Cannabis class B	0	0	0	1	0
Supply class B amphetamine	0	0	1	0	0
Suspicion of possession of Class B Cannabis	0	0	1	0	0
White powder	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	1	2	3	6	3

2015-2016 (up to 19th October 2015)		
Arrest Offence	Male	
	16	17
Concerned in the supply of a drug to another Class B	0	1
CULTIVATION OF CANNABIS	1	0
possession of cannabis	2	3
Possession of cannabis with intent to supply	1	0
PWITS CLASS A	0	1
PWITS controlled drugs	0	1
PWITS, class B	1	0
Not Recorded	1	0

Grand Total	6	6
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2015-2016 (from 20th October 2015)							
Arrest Offence	Female			Male			
	15	16	17	14	15	16	17
Drugs - Possess Class A	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
Drugs - Possess Class B or C	0	0	1	0	2	3	3
Drugs - Possession With Intent to supply - Class A	0	0	0	1	0	3	2
Drugs - Possession With Intent to supply - other than Class A	1	1	1	1	3	2	4
Drugs - Supplying controlled drug	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Grand Total	1	1	3	2	6	10	12

2016-2017							
Arrest Offence	Female		Male				
	16	17	12	14	15	16	17
Drugs - Cult. Cannabis	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Drugs - Possess Class A	0	0	0	0	1	0	8
Drugs - Possess Class B or C	1	1	1	0	4	8	16
Drugs - Possession With Intent to supply - Class A	1	0	0	1	2	10	17
Drugs - Possession With Intent to supply - other than Class A	0	0	0	0	2	5	6
Drugs - Supplying controlled drug	0	0	0	1	7	2	4
Grand Total	2	1	1	2	17	25	52

2017-2018									
Arrest Offence	Female				Male				
	14	15	16	17	13	14	15	16	17
Drugs - Concerned in supplying controlled drug	0	0	2	2	0	3	4	10	9
Drugs - Possess Class A	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	4
Drugs - Possess Class B or C	2	1	0	1	0	3	5	3	8
Drugs - Possession With Intent to supply - Class A	0	0	0	2	0	3	3	4	9
Drugs - Possession With Intent to supply - other than Class A	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	11
Drugs - Producing controlled drug	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Drugs - Supplying controlled drug	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
Grand Total	2	1	2	5	1	12	13	23	44

This response will be published on the Constabulary's web-site under the Freedom of Information pages:-

<https://www.Norfolk.police.uk/services/freedom-information/disclosure-logs>

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Amanda Gibson, FOI Decision Maker, quoting the reference number shown above.

A full copy of the Freedom of Information Act (2000) can be viewed on the 'Office of Public Sector Information' web-site;
<http://www.opsi.gov.uk/>

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Your Right to Request a Review of Decisions Made Under the Terms of the
Freedom of Information Act (2000).

If you are unhappy with how your request has been handled, or if you think the decision is incorrect, you have the right to ask Norfolk Constabulary to review their decision.

Ask Norfolk Constabulary to look at the decision again.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by Norfolk Constabulary under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding access to information, you must notify Norfolk Constabulary that you are requesting a review within 20 days of the date of its response to your Freedom of Information request. Requests for a review should be made in writing and addressed to:

*Freedom of Information Decision Maker
Information Management Department
Norfolk Constabulary
Operations and Communications Centre
Jubilee House
Falconers Chase
Wymondham
Norfolk NR18 0WW
OR
Email: freedomofinformation@norfolk.pnn.police.uk*

In all possible circumstances Norfolk Constabulary will aim to respond to your request for us to look at our decision again within 20 working days of receipt of your request for an internal review.

The Information Commissioner.

After lodging a request for a review with Norfolk Constabulary, if you are still dissatisfied with the decision, you can apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at www.ico.org.uk or contact them at the address shown below:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700