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FOI Ref: 17/06/657

Dear Ms Nasamu,

**Freedom of Information Request 17/06/657**

I write in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) received on 23 June 2016:

*I would like to request data on instances of Public Order Offences for each day for your region for the period 1 January 2014 to 31 July 2016 inclusive, broken down by alcohol related and non-alcohol related offences.*

The number of public order offences recorded by Kent Police can be found within the attached appendix. Please note that the figures are based on the Public Order Offence category contained within the Home Office Counting Rules for Recorded Crime (please see:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/602809/count-public-order-apr-2017.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/602809/count-public-order-apr-2017.pdf)). Please ensure you read the information warnings (in red) in conjunction with the results.

Unfortunately whilst there is a flag which is available for manual input onto a crime in order to highlight whether alcohol is likely to have contributed to the offence, this flag, which is known as an MO code, is infrequently used. As such, there are only nine crimes with the marker added during the specified period. In order to determine the true number of offences which have involved alcohol we would need to manually review each crime. Such a task would greatly exceed 18 hours of work. Your request therefore engages an exemption at Section 12(1) FOIA.

Section 12 provides an exemption from a public authority's obligation to comply with a request for information where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed the appropriate limit. The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 state that the appropriate cost limit is 18 hours in the case of the Police Service.

To assist you we have been able to provide the total number of public order offences recorded together with details of the nine which do have the alcohol MO code added to them (please see the information warnings within the appendix).

I apologise that this response is reaching you outside of the Act but I thank you for your interest in Kent Police. If you have any queries about your request or the application of the FOIA generally, please contact this office quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

**Charlotte Woolsey**

**Senior Freedom of Information Administrator**

## **Your right to appeal**

We take our responsibilities under the Freedom of Information Act seriously but, if you feel your request has not been properly handled or you are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you have the right to appeal. We will conduct an internal review to investigate the matter and endeavour to reply within 20 working days. If your appeal concerns the decision to apply an exemption, it would assist the review if you would outline why you believe the exemption does not apply.

You may lodge your appeal by writing to:

Freedom of Information  
Kent Police Headquarters  
Sutton Road,  
Maidstone  
Kent  
ME15 9BZ

Or by e-mailing [freedomofinformation@kent.pnn.police.uk](mailto:freedomofinformation@kent.pnn.police.uk)

If you are still dissatisfied following our internal review, you have the right under section 50 of the Act to appeal directly to the Information Commissioner who would normally expect you to have exhausted the internal review procedure provided by Kent Police.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

FOI Compliance Team (complaints)  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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