



SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

REQUEST NUMBER: FOI Request 003140-17

REQUEST DETAILS:

“The number of car accidents in Newmarket per street in 2016 and 2015, divided by the cause/crime.”

RESPONSE:

Suffolk Constabulary has considered your request for information and our response is below.

This response is correct as of 13 February 2017

In relation to your request for information and in accordance with Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), this response serves as a formal notification of refusal for your request. Suffolk Constabulary does not hold, for the purposes of FOIA, the information you require in a retrievable format.

It is estimated that to attempt to retrieve all of the information you require would take a considerable amount of retrieval time, which would exceed 18 hours. This would 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 2000 applies.

Unfortunately the information requested would not be available due to the information not being retrievable from the database, without manually reviewing the collisions in turn.

The collision data concerning street names and causes will be located within the report, however the data can't be extracted using a formulae or other to easily identify the information and extract it into a spreadsheet. The process will involve reviewing each RTC and extracting the street name and cause from within the case file.

We can complete research on individual roads to establish the number of collisions that have occurred on one specific road. This can be completed by freetext search of that road name, however we would have to complete this search for each road in Newmarket, which would not be viable.

Given the number of RTCs we are considering, this would take in excess of 70 hours.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 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



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the appropriate limit.” The Freedom of Information (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations, defines the ‘appropriate limit’ for the Suffolk 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(5) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter serves as a refusal notice for this part of your request.

By requesting *all* information your request is too broad to be complied with within the £450 limit imposed on Freedom of Information requests.

Although excess cost removes the Force’s obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, 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.

We are able to confirm the number of RTCs that have occurred in Newmarket, by injury severity, as follows:

Year	Injury severity			
	Non-injury	Slight	Serious injury	Fatal injury
2015	111	37	8	0
2016	98	42	0	1