



9th November 2018

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 003757/18

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

How much expenditure had been allocated for the financial year 2019/20 to the purchase of (a) Riot Batons; (b) Personal Protective Equipment for use in Riot Control operations; (c) Riot Shields; and (d) Non-Porous Bags used for the storage and transportation of corpses?

She would be grateful if you could provide this information for your force, and set out:

- 1 How this compares to the expenditure allocated for the purchase of the same items by your force in Financial Years (a) 2018/19; (b) 2017/18; (c) 2016/17; and (d) 2015/16?; and
- 2 What additional financial support your force has received from the Home Office to cope with any increase in these costs?

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 24th October 2018.

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have located the following information as relevant to your request.

The Constabularies do not purchase batons specifically for use as riot batons. An attachment for existing batons has been purchased and the figures provided in the table below.

ITEM	FINANCIAL YEAR	TOTAL SPEND	SPLIT	
			NORFOLK	SUFFOLK
Baton Attachment	2015/16	£289	£165	£124
	2016/17	£370	£210	£160
	2017/18	NIL	NIL	NIL
	2018/19	£4,482	£2,554	£1,928
	2019/20	NIL	NIL	NIL
PSU PPE	2015/16	NIL	NIL	NIL
	2016/17	£2,444	£1,393	£1,051
	2017/18	£200	£114	£86
	2018/19	£35,000	£19,950	£15,050
	2019/20	NIL	NIL	NIL

	2015/16	£1,770	£1,010	£760
	2016/17	£2,275	£1,300	£975
	2017/18	£2,493	£1,420	£1,073
	2018/19	£5,000 (budgeted)	£2,850	£2,150
	2019/20	NIL	NIL	NIL
Non-Porous Bags	All	NIL	-	-

The increase in the expenditure on PSU PPE is linked to the manufacturer's lifecycle of equipment, as well as workforce planning considerations that enable the maintenance of PSU Officer numbers.

Q2 No relevant information is held, as no financial support has been received from the Home Office.

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

<https://www.norfolk.police.uk/about-us/our-data/disclosure-log>

<https://www.suffolk.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.

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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 the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary to review their decision.

Ask Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies to look at the decision again.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding access to information, you must notify the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary that you are requesting a review within 40 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
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OR
Email: freedomofinformation@norfolk.pnn.police.uk*

In all possible circumstances Norfolk and Suffolk 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 and Suffolk 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.

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