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Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 004667-17

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 21 April 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *"Please provide the number of serious road accidents (involving serious injury or fatalities) reported to your force for each of the following calendar years:*

2011
2012
2013
2014
2015
2016
2017 to date

2. *Please provide the age range of the drivers **involved in** these serious road accidents*

Broken down by the following age ranges:

17 to 25
26 to 35
36 to 45
46 to 55
56 to 65
66 to 75
Over 75

For each of the following calendar years:

2011
2012
2013
2014
2015
2016
2017 to date

3. *Where possible, please provide the age range of the driver found **responsible for** these serious road accidents*

Broken down by the following age ranges:

17 to 25
26 to 35
36 to 45
46 to 55
56 to 65

66 to 75
Over 75

For each of the following calendar years:

2011
2012
2013
2014
2015
2016
2017 to date.”

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 21 April 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.

Information concerning the age of the drivers is not held in a retrievable format for the purpose of FOI. The data will be recorded within accident records files however, each Road Traffic Collision (RTC) record would need to be reviewed in order to establish the age of the driver(s). Considering there are over 500 serious injury RTCs in any one year, it would well exceed the 18 hour rule to interrogate the system for one year alone.

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 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.

The total number of fatal and serious injury Road Traffic Collisions recorded on Suffolk's roads during 2011-2017 is provided in the table below, by year and injury severity.

Year	Injury Severity	
	Serious Injury	Fatal
2011	270	28
2012	298	23
2013	231	21
2014	199	29
2015	160	28

Information concerning the 2016 and 2017 financial year is published on the Constabulary's website:

<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/about-us/our-data/publication-scheme/7-significant-public-interest>

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Clair Pack, 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 Suffolk Constabulary to review their decision.

Ask Suffolk Constabulary to look at the decision again.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by Suffolk Constabulary under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding access to information, you must notify Suffolk 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
Suffolk Constabulary
Police Headquarters
Martlesham Heath
Ipswich
Suffolk
IP5 3QS
OR
Email: information@suffolk.pnn.police.uk*

In all possible circumstances 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 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.

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