



North Tyneside Council

Reference: RFI 1710082

**Request:**

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.

How many complaints were there in 2016 about neighbours having noisy sex?

How many of these complaints were investigated?

What was the total cost of these investigations?

How many of these resulted in a conviction?

**Response :**

It is not possible to provide a response as we do not document noise complaints under the category 'noisy sex'. There were 535 noise complaints made in 2016. To interrogate each complaint, which could include reviewing of diary sheets, would take up to 30 minutes for each complaint, therefore request is refused under s12 (1) Freedom of Information Act 2000, since the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

In assessing the cost of complying, the costs attributable to officer time involved in complying have been taken into account. Such costs are limited to £450.00 under the Regulations, which equates to eighteen hours of officer time.

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