

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 0727/11**

In reply to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received 30/12/11.

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 (The Act) requires us to handle all requests in a manner that is blind to the identity of the requestor. Any information released in response to a request is regarded as being published, and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

### **Request**

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

How many homes have had panic alarms installed in them by or through Cambridgeshire Constabulary for each of the years 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 (or equivalent years such as 07/08, 08/09 etc.)?

Please list for each of the above years where the alarms were installed by policing district (Cambridge City, South Cambridgeshire, Fenland, Peterborough, Huntingdonshire, East Cambridgeshire)

Please supply the reasons for the issuing of panic alarms for each year (For example: 2010: Hate crime - 12; Antisocial behaviour - 10; Threats to kill - 2)

How much has the installation of panic alarms cost the force in total for each year?

How much does each panic alarm cost to fit?

Please supply any policy notes dictating when the installation of panic alarms is appropriate.

We have completed all searches within Cambridgeshire Constabulary and hereby enclose your response.

### **Response**

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 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". For Police forces in the UK, the "appropriate limit" is considered to be up to 18 hours of work on one request. This information is given in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

It is estimated that it will take a minimum of 81 hours at a cost of £25 an hour to view 2145 records provide an answer to this request which is above the 18 hour cost limit. This is due to the fact each log for each device would have to be reviewed.