



**Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 000057-18**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 4 January 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *"In the time periods 2015, 2016 and 2017 year to date, how many vehicles were reported stolen in your area? Please provide this information broken down by year.*
2. *In the time periods 2015, 2016 and 2017 year to date, how many of the stolen vehicles were recovered? Please provide the information broken down by year.*
3. *In the time periods 2015, 2016 and 2017 year to date, how many recovered vehicles were suspected to have been used in further crimes by the car thief/thieves? Please provide the information broken down by year.*
4. *In the time periods 2015, 2016 and 2017 year to date, how many vehicles were sent for forensic investigation following recovery? Please provide the information broken down by year.*
5. *If available, of the returned vehicles in the past three years, how many were found using the following methods?*
  - a. *Tip off or report from member of the public*
  - b. *Driver indiscretion (e.g. speeding or parking violation)*
  - c. *ANPR recognition*
  - d. *LOS marker*
  - e. *Vehicle returned by member of the public*
  - f. *Other*
6. *If available, please provide the number of cars stolen by make and model in the last 12 months."*

**Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 12 January 2018

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

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 relating to whether a vehicle has been used in another offences and the reason for the vehicle being located is not held in a central location, rather the information would be contained within the crime report and require us to manually review each one to establish what information is held.

Considering there were 515 vehicles recovered during this time frame, it would take in excess of 34 hours to extract the data for question 5 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 vehicles reported stolen and the number recovered, is provided in the table below, by year.

	2015	2016	2017
<b>Total amount of vehicles stolen</b>	462	542	590
<b>Total amount of vehicles recovered</b>	184	141	190

The make and model of the vehicles stolen in the 2017 calendar year, is as follows:



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<b>Make and Model 2017</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>AJS</b>	<b>2</b>
AJS	1
JSM 125	1
<b>ALFA ROMEO</b>	<b>1</b>
145	1
<b>APRILIA</b>	<b>9</b>
APRILIA	2
ATLANTIC 125	1
RS 125	1
SR 50	4
SR 50 R	1
<b>AUDI</b>	<b>15</b>
A1	3
A3	2
A4	5
A6	1
A6 S LINE	1
AUDI	1
S3 TFSI QUATTRO	1
S4 T QUATTRO	1
<b>BAOTIAN</b>	<b>1</b>
BT 125 T-12 TANCO	1
<b>BEDFORD</b>	<b>1</b>
97 560	1
<b>BENTLEY</b>	<b>1</b>
CONT GT SPEED SRS 51 A	1
<b>BMW(CARS)</b>	<b>25</b>
120D	1
135i	1
316	1
318	2
320D	5
320I	1
325I	1



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330 D	1
330D M SPORT	1
335D	1
520D	1
525D M SPORT	1
640I SE TURBO AUTO	1
BMW(CARS)	4
X1 SDRIVE 18D SE	2
X5	1
<b>CATERPILLAR</b>	<b>1</b>
CATERPILLAR - Any Model	1
<b>CHAMP</b>	<b>1</b>
HONLEI HL 125 GY	1
<b>CITROEN</b>	<b>12</b>
BERLINGO	1
BERLINGO LX	1
C2	1
C3	1
C4	1
C4 GRAND PICASSO	1
C5	1
DS3	1
SAXO	1
XSARA 16I VTR	1
XSARA PICASSO	2
<b>CPI</b>	<b>1</b>
ARAGON	1
<b>DAIHATSU</b>	<b>1</b>
FOURTRAK	1
<b>DERBI</b>	<b>2</b>
SENDA (RESTRICTED)	1
SENDA (UNRESTRICTED)	1
<b>DIRECT BIKES</b>	<b>2</b>
125CC TOMMY	1
50CC SPORTS	1



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<b>FIAT</b>	<b>10</b>
500	1
500 LOUNGE	1
BRAVO	1
DOBLO 16V	1
GRAND PUNTO	1
PANDA	1
PANDA 1000 CL	1
PUNTO	3
<b>FORD(EUROPE)</b>	<b>85</b>
FIESTA	18
FOCUS	18
FOCUS ST	2
FORD(EUROPE)	3
FUSION +	1
KUGA TITANIUM T	1
MONDEO	9
PUMA	1
RANGER 4X4 DIESEL	2
SIERRA SAPPHIRE I	1
S-MAX 140 TDCI	1
TOURNEO 280 SWB	1
TRANSIT	24
TRANSIT CONNECT	3
<b>FORD(UK)</b>	<b>4</b>
CORTINA	1
ESCORT	3
<b>GIANTCO</b>	<b>1</b>
HY 150 N	1
<b>GILERA</b>	<b>1</b>
RUNNER 200	1
<b>HONDA(CARS)</b>	<b>2</b>
ACCORD	1
CR-V	1
<b>HONDA(M/CYCLES)</b>	<b>44</b>



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ANF 125 T-5	1
ANF 125-3	1
ANF 125-A	1
ATC110A	1
ATC110E	1
C50	1
C90	2
CB1000	1
CBR 125	6
CG 125 - 4	2
CG125	2
CITY FLY CLR 125	1
GLR	1
HONDA(M/CYCLES)	7
MSX 125	3
PES 125	1
SES 125-2	1
SFX50	1
SH50	2
ST1100	1
SZX50X-1	2
WW 125 EX2-A	2
XR 125 L - 4	1
XR 250 (RY)	2
<b>HONDA(UK)</b>	<b>2</b>
CIVIC	
CIVIC TYPE - R	1
NSC	1
<b>HONGYI</b>	<b>1</b>
HY 125 T-6	1
<b>HUATIAN</b>	<b>1</b>
HT 125 T-15	1
<b>HYOSUNG</b>	<b>1</b>
CRUISE II	1
<b>HYUNDAI</b>	<b>8</b>



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COUPE 16	1
GETZ	2
IX35 GDI STYLE 2WD	2
SANTA FE	2
TERRACAN CDX CRTD	1
<b>ISUZU</b>	<b>2</b>
ISUZU	1
TROOPER	1
<b>IVECO(ITALY)</b>	<b>1</b>
3512 SWB	1
<b>JAGUAR</b>	<b>1</b>
JAGUAR	1
<b>JCB</b>	<b>4</b>
JCB	1
JCB - Any Model	3
<b>KAWASAKI</b>	<b>5</b>
BN 125	1
ER 500 A1	1
ER 650 A6S	1
KAWASAKI	
KMX200-A2	1
ZX 600 J1	1
<b>KIA</b>	<b>2</b>
PICANTO 1	2
<b>KTM</b>	<b>3</b>
125	1
200 EXC 11	1
990 SUPERDUKE	1
<b>KYMCO</b>	<b>2</b>
AGILITY	1
AGILITY 125	1
<b>LAND ROVER</b>	<b>11</b>
90 DEFENDER	1
DEFENDER 90	1
DISCOVERY	4



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FREELANDER	1
LAND ROVER	3
RANGE ROVER SPORT	1
<b>LEIKE</b>	<b>1</b>
LEIKE	1
<b>LEXMOTO</b>	<b>6</b>
ARIZONA 125	1
LEXMOTO	3
TORNADO 50	1
XTR 125	1
<b>LEYLAND CARS</b>	<b>1</b>
MINI 850	1
<b>LONGJIA</b>	<b>2</b>
LJ 125 T-7	1
LJ 50 QT-F	1
<b>MANITOU</b>	<b>1</b>
MANITOU - Any Model	1
<b>MAZDA</b>	<b>4</b>
5 TS D	1
6	1
DEMIO	1
MAZDA	1
<b>MERCEDES</b>	<b>23</b>
200E	1
A140	1
A180	2
C180	1
C200	1
C220	1
CLS COUPE	1
CLS250 CDI BLUEEFFICIENCY AUTO	1
ML270 CDI	1
SL500 AUTO	1
SPRINTER	11
VITO	1





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<b>MINI</b>	<b>6</b>
COOPER	4
COOPER S	1
MINI	1
<b>MITSUBISHI</b>	<b>3</b>
L200	2
MITSUBISHI	1
<b>MOTO ROMA</b>	<b>2</b>
GO GO 50	1
SK 125	1
<b>NISSAN(EUROPE)</b>	<b>1</b>
NISSAN(EUROPE)	1
<b>NISSAN(JAPAN)</b>	
X-TRAIL	
<b>NISSAN(UK)</b>	<b>5</b>
JUKE ACENTA	1
NISSAN(UK)	2
PRIMASTAR ACCESS DC100 SW	1
QASHQAI	1
<b>Not Recorded</b>	<b>65</b>
Not Recorded	65
<b>PANTHER</b>	<b>1</b>
PANTHER	1
<b>PERODUA</b>	<b>1</b>
MYVI SXI	1
<b>PEUGEOT(FRANCE)</b>	<b>11</b>
106	1
207	1
208	3
306	1
307	2
308	1
EXPERT	1
PARTNER 600	1
<b>PEUGEOT(MCYCLES)</b>	<b>7</b>



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JETFORCE 50 C-TECH	1
LUDIX 10 BLASTER	1
PEUGEOT(MCYCLES)	2
V CLIC 50 EVP 2	2
VIVACITY 3 125	1
<b>PEUGEOT(UK)</b>	<b>3</b>
206	2
PEUGEOT(UK)	1
<b>PIAGGIO</b>	<b>5</b>
FLY 50	1
NRG	
PIAGGIO	1
VESPA GTS	1
VESPA S 50	2
<b>PULSE</b>	<b>1</b>
BT 49 QT-9D1	1
<b>QINGQI</b>	<b>2</b>
QM 125 GY-2B	1
QM 125-2V	1
<b>RENAULT TRUCKS</b>	<b>1</b>
MASTER 10028 SWB	1
<b>RENAULT(FRANCE)</b>	<b>19</b>
Captur	1
CLIO	7
G SCENIC	1
LAGUNA	1
LAGUNA 20	1
MEGANE	2
MEGANE SCENIC	1
MODUS AUTHENTIQUE	1
SCENIC	3
TRAFIC	1
<b>RENAULT(UK)</b>	<b>1</b>
TRAFIC	1
<b>RIEJU</b>	<b>2</b>



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MRT 50	1
SPIKE	1
<b>ROVER</b>	<b>4</b>
2400	1
25	1
MINI COOPER 13I	2
RANGE ROVER	
<b>SAAB</b>	<b>2</b>
9-3 18T VECTOR SPORT	1
SAAB	1
<b>SANYA</b>	<b>1</b>
SY 125-11	1
<b>SINNIS</b>	<b>4</b>
HARRIER 125	1
SHUTTLE 125	2
STEALTH 125	1
<b>SKODA</b>	<b>5</b>
FABIA	3
OCTAVIA	1
YETI SE TSI	1
<b>SKYJET</b>	<b>1</b>
SJ 125-23	1
<b>SKYTEAM</b>	<b>1</b>
ST 125	1
<b>SUBARU</b>	<b>1</b>
IMPREZA	1
LEGACY	
<b>SUZUKI(CARS)</b>	<b>2</b>
ALTO	1
IGNIS GA	1
<b>SUZUKI(M/CYCLES)</b>	<b>9</b>
AN 125 T	1
DR Z400	1
GSF 1200 K1	1
GSF 600 ZK4	1



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GSX 750	1
GSX R750 K5	1
SUZUKI(M/CYCLES)	3
<b>SYM</b>	<b>5</b>
DD 50	1
HD ORBIT 125	1
JET	1
SYMPHONY 125 SR	1
SYMPPLY 125	1
<b>TOYOTA(JAPAN)</b>	<b>9</b>
AYGO	2
CELICA	1
HIACE	2
HILUX	1
RAV4 20	1
TOYOTA(JAPAN)	1
VERSO T SPIRIT D-4D	1
<b>TOYOTA(UK)</b>	<b>6</b>
AVENSIS	1
COROLLA	3
YARIS	2
<b>TRIUMPH</b>	<b>2</b>
SPEED MASTER	1
STREET TRIPLE R	1
<b>VAUXHALL</b>	<b>30</b>
ASTRA	9
ASTRAVAN	1
CORSA	11
CORSAVAN 16V	1
INSIGNIA	4
MERIVA ACTIVE	1
MOKKA	1
VIVARO 2700 CDTI 100 SWB	1
ZAFIRA	1
<b>VOLKSWAGEN</b>	<b>19</b>



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GOLF	9
LUPO E	2
PASSAT	4
POLO	2
TIGUAN ESCAPE FSI 4MOTION	2
<b>VOLVO</b>	<b>4</b>
V40 16	1
V50 AUTHORITIES D3	1
VOLVO	1
XC60	1
<b>WHITE KNUCKLE</b>	<b>2</b>
CF 125	2
<b>WK BIKES</b>	<b>1</b>
TTR WASP 50	1
<b>YAMAHA</b>	<b>41</b>
BWS 125	1
CW 50	1
CYGNUS	1
DT 125 LC	1
ENTICER	1
R 6	1
TDR 125	1
TT 600 R	1
WR 125 R	2
WR 125 X	2
XC 125	1
XC 125 E VITY	2
XJ 600	1
XT 600 E	1
XT 660 Z	1
YAMAHA	3
YBR 125	10
YN 50 F NEOS	1
YN 50 NEO'S	1
YQ 100	1



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YQ 50 AEROX	3
YZF R1	2
YZF R125	2
<b>ZETOR</b>	<b>1</b>
ZETOR	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>590</b>

***Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide crime statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the crime data. It should be noted that for these reasons this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.***

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](mailto: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](http://www.ico.org.uk) or contact them at the address shown below:

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Wycliffe House  
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