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## **Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 001075-18**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 21 March 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *"In each of the calendar years 2007, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017, how many crimes of the types recorded below has your force received relating to crimes alleged to involve local planning authorities? For instance, these may include but not be limited to allegations of bribery in order to have planning permission approved or misconduct in public office due to conflicts of interest.*

*Types of crime:*

*Misconduct in a public offence by act or commission*

*Bribery, Treating and undue influence*

*Offences relating to offering, promising or giving bribes*

*Offences relating to requesting, agreeing to receive and accepting bribes*

*Commercial organisation - fail to prevent associate bribing another with intent to obtain / retain business / advantage*

2. *For each of the crimes identified in question 1 (if any), please can you disclose:*

*The name of the local authority*

*The nature of the alleged crime (eg bribery)*

*A summary of the allegations*

*The outcome (whether anyone was charged with an offence, the details of the charges, the details of any convictions if there were any including sentences - or whether there were no charges)*

*The names and job titles of those involved if they were convicted."*

## **Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 4 April 2018

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

A search has been completed of the Constabulary's crime system for all offences recorded of 'Misconduct in Public Office', 'Wilful Misconduct in Public Office', 'Misconduct in a Public Office by Act or Commission' and 'Attempted Misconduct in a Public Office by Act or Commission'.



Each offence was then manually reviewed to extract those that involved local planning authorities.

Suffolk Constabulary located no information in relation to your request. Please note that this relies entirely on the information inputted into the offence and those that expressly reference 'Planning authority'.

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:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF  
Telephone: 01625 545 700