



**Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 001137-18**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“For each year 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017:*
  - a. *The total number of recorded fraud crimes (either disseminated from the NFIB (or similar agencies) or directly recorded)*
  - b. *The outcomes of any investigations into these crimes*
2. *The same data broken down into any subcategories of fraud used in your recording system.”*

**Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

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

A search has been carried out via our crime recording systems for any Fraud crimes that been recorded by Suffolk Constabulary.

1. The below tables provide the total fraud crimes along with outcome:

**Total Fraud crimes:**

Year	No of Fraud crimes
2014	44
2015	55
2016	26
2017	71

**Outcomes of Fraud Offences:**

Outcome	2014	2015	2016	2017	Grand Total
C - TIC	4				4
Cautioned	2				2
N - Other	3	1			4



Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition	8	3	1	14	26
Type 14 - Evidential Difficulties Victim Based- Suspect Not Identified: Crime Confirmed But The Victim Either Declines Or Unable To Support Further Police Investigation To Identify The Offender		1	1		2
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action		2	2	12	16
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action				1	1
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available		11	19	39	69
Type 21 - Further investigation resulting from crime report which could provide evidence sufficient to support formal action against the suspect is not in the public interest - police decision.			1		1
Type 4 - TIC - Taken into Consideration				4	4
Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)		1	2	1	4
Undetected	29	36			65
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>198</b>

2. The below table details the crimes by offence name:

**Fraud by offence name:**

Offence name	2014	2015	2016	2017	Grand Total
Attempted - Pass etc counterfeit coin or note as genuine			1		1
Forgery and uttering - other	6				6
Forgery of prescription to for scheduled drug	5	5	1	4	15
Forgery or copying false instrument (other than drug prescription)		1			1
Make counterfeit note/coin	1	1			2
Pass counterfeit note/coin as genuine	30	33			63
Pass etc counterfeit coin or note as genuine		12	22	60	94
Possess counterfeit coin or note		2	2	6	10
Possess counterfeit note/coin	3				3
Use forged instrument	1	1			2
Using a false drug prescription or a copy of a false drug prescription				1	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>198</b>



Additionally, Suffolk Constabulary can **neither confirm nor deny** that it holds any other information with regard to an exempt body as the duty in Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply by virtue of the following exemption:

- **Section 23(5) Information supplied by, or concerning, certain Security Bodies**

Section 23 is a class based absolute exemption and there is no requirement to consider the public interest in this case.

Confirming or denying the existence of whether any other information is held would contravene the constrictions laid out within Section 23 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in that this stipulates a generic bar on disclosure of any information applied by, or concerning, certain Security Bodies.

***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.***

***Please be aware that the information provided/researched from the 19 October 2015 has been extracted from the Athena crime system. The information provided is subject to change as processes are amended to ensure accurate and precise crime recording.***

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/>

Suffolk Constabulary is not responsible for the content, or the reliability, of the website referenced. The Constabulary cannot guarantee that this link will work all of the time, and we have no control over the availability of the linked pages.



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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