

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 001490-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 26 April 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

"I request the Strip Search and Intimate Strip Search statistics for the year 2017.

I request the Strip Search statistics in the following manner...

- *Monthly breakdown of the statistics*
- *Gender Breakdown*
- *Authorised Strip Searches / Actual Strip Searches / Positive Cases*
- *Age breakdown of the statistics*
- *Ethnicity breakdown of the statistics*

I request the Intimate Search statistics in the following manner...

- *Monthly breakdown of the statistics*
- *Gender Breakdown*
- *Authorised Intimate Searches / Actual Intimate Searches / Positive Cases*
- *Age breakdown of the statistics*
- *Ethnicity breakdown of the statistics."*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 1 May 2018.

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

A search has been completed of the Constabulary's stop and search data for all Section 54 Strip Searches and Section 55 Intimate Searches carried out during the 2017 calendar year.

The total number of Strip Searches and Intimate Strip Searches authorised, conducted and resulting in a positive search is provided in the tables on the attached Excel Spreadsheet, by gender, ethnicity and age.

Intimate searches can only be carried out at hospital in accordance with PACE Code C, Annex A.

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*

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 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