

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 001515-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 27 April 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“The number of violent incidents in primary and secondary schools reported to your force during the last five full financial year years.*
2. *The number of drugs offences in primary and secondary schools reported to your force during the last five full financial year years.*
3. *The number of sexual offences in primary and secondary schools reported to your force during the last five full financial year years*
4. *The number of pupils found with a weapon at primary and secondary schools during the last five full financial year years.”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 10 May 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 where the location is recorded as a school.

The table provided below confirms the total number of violent, drug, sexual and possession offences recorded for the time frames specified.

Please note that the information provided relates to all offences where a school is the location of the crime. This does not necessarily mean the offence occurred within the premise of the school, rather the surrounding areas and the location used as the nearest identifiable landmark for the purpose of crime recording.

We can also not categorically confirm that all of the suspects of these offences will have been pupils at the school.

Financial Year	Violence against the Person	Drug Offences	Sexual Offences	Possession of Weapons
2013 / 2014	168	27	43	1
2014 / 2015	217	33	60	12
2015 / 2016	282	24	54	11
2016 / 2017	258	19	31	19
2017 / 2018	300	15	49	26

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