

**Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 001592-18**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 3 May 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“How many breaches of non-molestation orders have been recorded by your force in each of the following financial years 2015/16; 2016/17; 2017/18*

*For each year please provide a breakdown of the outcomes i.e. No further action, charges, summons, etc etc*

2. *How many breaches of occupation orders have been recorded by your force in each of the following financial years 2015/16; 2016/17; 2017/18*

*For each year please provide a breakdown of the outcomes i.e. No further action, charges, summons, etc etc*

3. *How many breaches of restraining orders have been recorded by your force in each of the following financial years 2015/16; 2016/17; 2017/18*

*For each year please provide a breakdown of the outcomes i.e. No further action, charges, summons, etc etc*

4. *How many DVPNs were authorised by your force in each of the following financial years 2015/16; 2016/17; 2017/18.*

*For each year please provide a breakdown of the outcomes.*

5. *How many applications for DVPOs were made to your force and their respective outcome at court in each of the following financial years 2015/16; 2016/17; 2017/18.*

*For each year please provide a breakdown of the outcomes.”*

**Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 14 May 2018

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

1. The total number of breaches of non-molestation orders is provided in the table below, including the respective outcome.

Financial Year / Outcome	Total
2015/2016	



A - Charge/summons	19
Transferred	1
Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition	20
Type 14 - Evidential Difficulties Victim Based- Suspect Not Identified	1
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	3
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	3
Undetected	10
<b>2016/2017</b>	
Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition	24
Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police)	3
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	17
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	3
Type 5 - Offender has died	1
Type 9 - Prosecution Not In the Public Interest (CPS)	2
<b>2017/2018</b>	
Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition	8
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	13
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	5
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>134</b>

2. Information concerning breaches of Occupation Orders is not held by the Constabulary as there is no offence classification for this.
3. The total number of breaches of Restraining Orders is provided in the table below, including the respective outcome.

Financial Year / Outcome	Total
<b>2015/2016</b>	
A - Charge/summons	58
Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition	56
Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police)	2
Type 12 - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Is Too Ill (Physical Or Mental Health) To Prosecute	1
Type 13 - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Victim Or Key Witness Is Dead Or Too Ill To Give Evidence	1
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	15

Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	13
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.	1
Type 4 - TIC - Taken into Consideration	1
Undetected	34
<b>2016/2017</b>	
Type 1 - Charged/Summonsed/Postal Requisition	120
Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police)	3
Type 12 - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Is Too Ill (Physical Or Mental Health) To Prosecute	1
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	52
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	29
Type 1A - Charged/Summons - alternate offence.	1
Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency	1
Type 21 - Not in the public interest - police decision.	2
<b>2017/2018</b>	
Type 1 - Charged/Summonsed/Postal Requisition	99
Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police)	1
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	46
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	35
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.	1
Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency	1
Type 9 - Prosecution Not In the Public Interest (CPS)	2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>576</b>

4. The total number of Domestic Violence Protection Notices (DVPNs) authorised by the Constabulary is provided below, including the outcomes.

Financial Year	DVPNs Authorised	Outcomes at court
2015/16	16	All authorised DVPN's went to court and a DVPO was issued
2016/17	21	All authorised DVPNs went to court - 20 resulted in a DVPO being issued, 1 was denied
2017/18	44	All authorised DVPNs went to court - 37 resulted in a DVPO being issued, 7 were denied

5. The total number of Domestic Violence Protection Orders (DVPOs) recorded by the Constabulary is provided below, including the outcomes.



Please note that a DVPO application is the same as when a DVPN is authorised (All authorised DVPN applications go to court attempting to gain a DVPO). Therefore, answers for DVPO Applications will be the same as 'DVPM Authorised' in the question above, however the outcomes will differ.

Financial Year	DVPO Applications	Outcomes at court
2015/16	16	16 DVPOs issued (15 of which lasted 28 days, 1 lasted 14 days)
2016/17	21	20 DVPOs issued (17 of which lasted 28 days, 1 lasted 21 days and 2 lasted 14 days) 1 application was denied by the magistrate.
2017/18	44	37 DVPOs issued (28 of which lasted 28 days, 2 lasted 21 days, 1 lasted 16 days and 6 lasted 14 days) 7 applications were denied by the magistrate.

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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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Water Lane  
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