



Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 001600-18

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

“A record of all acid attacks recorded by your force during the following calendar years:

- a) 2016*
- b) 2017*
- c) 2018 to date (May 3 or whichever date is closest)*

Please use calendar years but failing that financial years would be fine - please state which type of year you respond with.

By 'acid attack' I mean any kind of crime in which the perpetrator(s) threw acid or a corrosive substance at the victim(s) in order to harm them.

For each record, please provide:

- i) the local authority of community safety partnership in which it took place*
- ii) the year*
- iii) the crime as recorded by the police (e.g. assault occasioning actual bodily harm)*
- iv) the outcome of the crime (e.g. charged)”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 22 May 2018

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have considered your request for information and our response is below.

A search has been completed of the Constabulary's crime system for all offences recorded which contain the words acid, corrosive substance or ammonia. Each offence was then reviewed to establish whether the assault related to an individual having the substance thrown at them.

The table provided below confirms the number of investigations recorded by each Constabulary, including the calendar year in which it was recorded, the recorded offence, the location (Parish) and the recorded outcome.

Please note that there will be one victim per investigation.

Norfolk

Year	Offence	Location	Outcome
2016	Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm (Indictable)	Norwich	Type 18
	Causing explosions, sending explosive substance or throwing corrosive fluids with intent to do grievous bodily harm (Indictable)	Norwich	Type 18
	Assault without Injury - Common assault and battery	King's Lynn	Type 18
	Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm (Indictable)	Norwich	Type 16
2017	Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (ABH)	Norwich	Type 1
	EXPIRED – NOT FOR USE AFTER 31/03/17 – AGGRAVATED DWELLING BURGLARY (Indictable)	Norwich	Type 16
2018	Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm (Indictable)	Norwich	Type 14

Suffolk

Year	Offence	Location	Outcome
2016	Attempted - Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm	Ipswich	Type 15
	Assault occasioning ABH	Ipswich	Type 18
2017	Causing explosions, sending explosive substance or throwing corrosive fluids with intent to do grievous bodily harm	Beccles	Type 16
	Assault occasioning ABH	Ipswich	Type 18
	Robbery	Ipswich	Under Investigation
	Robbery	Ipswich	Under Investigation
	Assault occasioning ABH	Ipswich	Type 15
	Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm	Bury St Edmunds	Type 15
	Attempted - Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm	Ipswich	Type 18
	Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm	Lowestoft	Type 15
2018	Robbery	Ipswich	Type 18
	Attempted - Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm	Beccles	Under Investigation
	Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (ABH)	West Suffolk	Type 14

Outcomes

- Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available
- Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action - 02/03/2017
- 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
- Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition

- Type 15 - Named suspect: Victim supports police action but evidential difficulties prevent further action

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.

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Clair Pack, FOI Decision Maker, quoting the reference number shown above.

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 the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary to review their decision.

Ask Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies to look at the decision again.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding access to information, you must notify the Norfolk and 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 Norfolk and 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 Norfolk and 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
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Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
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