



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 001828-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 24 May 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

“For the years 2014, 2015, 2016 & 2017...”

How many incidents of burglary were reported to your force?

How many crime reports for burglary were raised by your force?

How many people were charged or summons for burglary by your force? (if the same individual was charged/summons twice please count them twice)”

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 11 June 2018

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

In relation to your request for information and in accordance with Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), this response serves as a formal notification of refusal for your request. Suffolk Constabulary does not hold, for the purposes of FOIA, the information you require in a retrievable format.

It is estimated that to attempt to retrieve all of the information you require would take a considerable amount of retrieval time, which would exceed 18 hours. This would exceed the appropriate limit for dealing with Freedom of Information requests, in terms of costs and therefore Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies.

Suffolk Constabulary is unable to confirm the number of persons charged with an offence of burglary. Although the crime system provides us with an outcome for each offence, it does not identify the number of suspects charged for that offence. For example, if one offence has an outcome of charge and 3 people were charged, this would only show in our figures once.

Therefore in order to extract the data for the number of persons charged would require a manual review of each offence that resulted in a charge. Considering there are over 900 offences that resulted in a charge we consider it would take in excess of 60 hours to extract this information.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states that a Public Authority is not obliged to: *“...comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.”* The Freedom of Information (Appropriate



Limit and Fees) Regulations, defines the 'appropriate limit' for the Suffolk Constabulary as £450 and specifies that this sum equates to 18 hours work at a standard rate of £25 per hour.

In accordance with Section 17(5) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter serves as a refusal notice for this part of your request.

By requesting *all* information your request is too broad to be complied with within the £450 limit imposed on Freedom of Information requests.

Although excess cost removes the Force's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

A search has been completed of the Constabulary's call system for all incidents recorded that relate to a report of a burglary.

The total number of calls recorded by the Constabulary labelled 'Crime-Burglary', is as follows:

Call Type	2014	2015	2016	2017
Crime - Burglary	3500	3553	3557	3762

A further search has been completed of the Constabulary's crime system Athena, for all burglary offences.

The total number of burglary offences recorded by the Constabulary is as follows:

Offence	2014	2015	2016	2017
Aggravated Burglary - Business And Community				2
Aggravated burglary - dwelling	4	6		
Aggravated Burglary - Residential - Dwelling				29
Aggravated Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling				2
Attempted Aggravated Burglary - Business And Community				1
Attempted Aggravated Burglary - Residential - Dwelling				4
Attempted Burglary - Business And Community				140
Attempted Burglary - Residential - Dwelling				183
Attempted Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling				102
Attempted Distraction Burglary - Residential - Dwelling				3



Burglary - Business And Community				890
Burglary - dwelling	282	78		
Burglary - dwelling with intent	32	14		
Burglary - dwelling with violence	5			
Burglary - other building	186	52		
Burglary - other building with intent	38	9		
Burglary - Residential - Dwelling				947
Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling				912
Distraction burglary - dwelling		1		
Distraction burglary - dwelling with intent	1			
Distraction Burglary - Residential - Dwelling				25
Distraction Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling				1
Aggravated burglary in a dwelling		2	19	4
Attempted burglary in a building other than dwelling with intent to commit or with the commission of an offence		10	26	2
Attempted burglary in a dwelling with intent to commit an offence		2	1	1
Attempted other burglary in a building other than a dwelling		71	341	95
Attempted other burglary in a dwelling		32	238	66
Burglary in a building other than dwelling with intent to commit or with the commission of an offence		26	287	71
Burglary in a dwelling with intent to commit an offence		15	72	40
Distraction other burglary in a dwelling		1	6	2
Other burglary in a building other than a dwelling		389	1903	444
Other burglary in a dwelling		222	960	218
Aggravated burglary in a building other than a dwelling			5	
Attempted burglary in a dwelling with the commission of an offence or with violence or with the threat of violence			1	
Attempted distraction other burglary in a dwelling			3	
Burglary in a dwelling with the commission of an offence or with violence or with the threat of violence			4	1
Distraction burglary in a dwelling with intent to commit an offence			2	
Grand Total	548	930	3868	4185

The Constabulary does not hold conviction and prosecution data.

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