

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 003203-18

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

1. *“How many men have been arrested on suspicion of coercive control in Waveney?”*
2. *How many men have been charged with coercive control in Waveney?*
3. *How many men have been prosecuted for coercive control in Waveney?*
4. *How many women have been arrested on suspicion of coercive control in Waveney?*
5. *How many women have been charged with coercive control in Waveney?*
6. *How many women have been prosecuted for coercive control in Waveney?*

The figures should be broken down per year for 2016, 2017 and so far during 2018.”

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of, 19th September, 2018.

The below information in relation to coercive control was obtain via searches on our crime system Athena and broken down as specified in your request.

1. The table below table is broken by year regarding the number of both male and females arrested under suspicion of coercive control. Arrest data is not broken down by location, therefore the information supplied relates to persons arrested in the whole of Suffolk. Please note however, that Waveney is a council area, and is not used by the Constabulary for recording purposes.

Gender	2016	2017	2018	Total
Male	70	105	128	303
Female	1	2	1	4
Not recorded	5	10	6	21
Grand Total	76	117	135	328

2. The below table is broken down by year regarding the number of persons who have been charged in relation to coercive control. The information has been broken down by Policing area, to assist.

Please note there are other positive outcomes as well as a charge and some of the offences will be under investigation.

Local Policing Command (LPC)	2016			2017			2018
	Female	Male	Unknown	Female	Male	Unknown	Male
Bury St Edmunds LPC					1	1	3
Halesworth LPC				1	3		1
Ipswich Central LPC		2			5		
Ipswich East, Felixstowe & Woodbridge LPC		4			7		2
Ipswich West & Hadleigh LPC	1	3			8		3
Lowestoft LPC					3		1
Mildenhall LPC					1		
Stowmarket LPC		2	1		4		
Sudbury LPC		5			8		2
Grand Total	1	16	1	1	40	1	12

3. Suffolk does not hold prosecution data in an easily searchable manner; we would be required to search through each crime to establish whether or not they were convicted at court. We then rely on the provision of the Court papers and so even if we were able to retrieve this information we would not be able to guarantee its accuracy.

Information relating to court results should be obtained from CPS via their Freedom of Information Team, at the following web link:

<http://www.cps.gov.uk/foi/index.html>

4. As per question 1
5. As per question 2
6. As per question 3

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.

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

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