



Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 004877-17

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 10 May 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

My request is regarding the drug Spice (sometimes referred to as a New Psychoactive Substance).

“For the last two years (back to April 2015), can you please specify:

1. *The number of police incidents containing a reference to Spice (the drug)*
2. *An outline of the **details of the incident**, including the number of any arrests*
3. *Whether or not the incident was recorded as a crime*
4. *The **outcome** of the incident (eg, arrests, charges, etc)*
5. *The number of **seizures** of Spice over that period”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 10 May 2017

Suffolk Constabulary has located the following information as relevant to your request.

A search has been completed of the Constabulary's call data relating to all incidents reported that relate to the drug 'Spice'.

Each record was then manually reviewed to remove all incidents that were unrelated to the request, for example where individuals / road names contain the word 'Spice', hospice etc.

The information provided on the attached spreadsheet confirms there have been a total of 78 relevant calls from April 2015 and includes; whether a subsequent crime was recorded and an arrest was made, the outcome and a brief summary extracted from the freetext. Additionally, where recorded, the data includes whether any seizures were made.

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 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