

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 004955-17

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 16 May 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

“How many times were police called to incidents of drugs found in schools in:

2013/14

2014/15

2015/16

2016/17 so far

If possible, could I please have a breakdown of what type of drug.

And if possible, could I please also have a breakdown on what action, if any, was taken by police.”

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 16 May 2017

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

A search has been completed of the Constabulary call data for all incidents recorded that relate to the location of a school and were recorded as an offence.

The offences have then been manually reviewed to extract the type of drug, where recorded, and the outcome.

Please be aware that as a result of a change in call handling system, the Constabulary’s call data commences from November 2013.

DRUG	Outcome	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	Total
AMPHETAMINE	NFA - CR				1	1
CANNABIS	CANNABIS WARNING -F		2			2
	CAUTION YOUTH			2	1	3
	CAUTIONED BY POLICE	1	3	1		5
	CHARGED			1		1
	NFA - CFC	1	5	1		7
	NFA - CR		4	4	4	12
	NO FURTHER ACTION		1	2	2	5
	UNKNOWN		2	2	1	5
COCAINE	CAUTIONED BY POLICE		1			1
HEROIN	NFA - CR		1			1
	NO FURTHER ACTION		1			1
MDMA	NO FURTHER ACTION				1	1



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	UNKNOWN				1	1
WEED	NFA - CR	1				1
UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	4	8	3	2	17
Grand Total		7	28	16	13	64

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 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