

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 005021-17

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 22 May 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“Please state the total number of times an individual has been caught carrying a corrosive/noxious substance in each of the following calendar years: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 to date.*
2. *Please state the total number of times an individual aged under 16 has been caught carrying a corrosive/noxious substance in each of the following calendar years: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 to date.*
3. *Please state the total number of times an individual aged 16-17 has been caught carrying a corrosive/noxious substance in each of the following calendar years: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 to date.*
4. *Please state the total number of times a pupil on school premises (please include all educational establishments up to age 18, including primary and secondary schools, PRUs, sixth form colleges etc) has been caught carrying a corrosive/noxious substance in each of the following calendar years: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 to date.*
 - *I understand there will be overlap between questions 2/3 and question 4.*
 - *If you are unable to answer question 4 because of problems retrieving location information please still answer 1-3.*
 - *If an individual has been caught carrying acid more than once please include the multiple incidents in the data provided.*

CLARIFICATION:

Yes please do proceed as you have suggested, with recorded attacks.”

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 22 May 2017.

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

A free-text search has been carried out within the Constabulary’s crime systems in line with the clarification received, for all recorded acid attacks.

Please note this this involved a free-text search again offences involving the words “acid”, “noxious”, “ammonia” and “corrosive”.

1. The number of recorded offences for acid attacks is as follows:

Calendar year	No. acid attacks
2013	1
2014	1
2015	0
2016	2
2017	0

2. There have been no offences committed by children aged 15 and under.
3. There have been no offences committed by 16 and 17 year olds.
4. No acid attacks have taken place on school premises.

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