



## Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 006465-17

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 15 September 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

*"I wanted to find out how many people have been arrested under the 1894 Uniforms Act, please? I am interested in arrests between January 1st 2012 – August 31st 2017 please?"*

*If you could break the data down by where the offence took place (e.g. town/ city) and what military uniform they were wearing (army, navy, RAF etc) I would be most grateful"*

### Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 15 September 2017

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

A search has been carried out of the Constabulary's our crime recording systems, for offences recorded under the 'Uniforms Act 1894 - Wearing military uniforms without authority'.

The current system, Athena records information from 19 October 2015 and there were no offences recorded during this time.

The legacy crime system CIS, records information prior to 19 October 2015 however, the system did not hold records for any offence that matched the code.

The Constabulary therefore holds no information in relation to your request.

***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.***

***Please be aware that the information provided/researched from the 19 October 2015 has been extracted from the Athena crime system. The information provided is subject to change as processes are amended to ensure accurate and precise crime recording.***

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](mailto: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](http://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