

**Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 007294-17**

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

1. *“How many Vietnamese children (under 18) were arrested by your force?”*
2. *How many of these arrested Vietnamese children were identified as potential victims of trafficking by your force and then referred to the National Referral Mechanism?*
3. *What were these Vietnamese children arrested for? (Please provide as much detail as possible, at the very least, please would you summarise the nature of the crime in a couple of words. For example: “drugs-related offences”)*

**Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 15 November 2017

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

A search has been completed of the Constabulary crime system for all offences recorded where the suspect is aged under 18 and has a recorded Nationality of ‘Vietnam’.

Question 1 and 3

The information provided in the table below confirms all offences recorded relevant to the request.

Arrest Offences	Most Serious Disposal	2012	2014	2015	2016
<b>Drug Offences (Non-Class A)</b>	No Further Action			1	
<b>Drugs - Cult. Cannabis</b>	Refused Charge (NFA)				1
<b>Illegal entry into UK</b>	No Further Action	1			
	Processed on behalf of another force	1			
<b>Immigration Act offence</b>	No Further Action		4		
	Processed on behalf of another force	1			
<b>Total</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	

Question 2

Suffolk Constabulary is unable to confirm whether any of the above were victims of trafficking.



Suffolk can **neither confirm nor deny** that it holds any other information relevant to the whole of your request by virtue of the following exemption:

**Section 23(5) – Information supplied by, or concerning, certain security bodies**

The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1(1)(a) would involve the disclosure of any information (whether or not already recorded), which was directly or indirectly supplied to the public authority by, or relates to, any bodies specified in subsection (3).

This is an absolute exemption and I am therefore not required to complete a public interest test.

**This cannot be taken as confirmation or otherwise that further information does or does not exist.**

***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.***

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