

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 000004-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 2 January 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

“Can you provide the number of thefts from Suffolk churches for the past three years – January 1, 2015, to December 31, 2018.

Of those incidents, can you tell me how many have led to convictions?”

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 14 January 2019

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

A search has been completed of the Constabulary’s crime system for all thefts recorded during the 2015 – 2018 calendar years, where the crime text references a church.

The offences have then been reviewed to include only those that specifically relate to a theft from a church. Please note that the information provided relies on the accuracy of the data inputted into the system.

The total number of offences, including the recorded outcome, is provided in the table below. Please note that some of the offences will be under investigation.

Year	Outcome	Total
2015	A - Charge/summons	37
	B - Caution	15
	F - FPN	1
	N - Other	16
	Type 1 - Charged/Summonsed/Postal Requisition	1
	Type 4 - TIC - Taken into Consideration	1
	Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	2
	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified	6
2016	Type 1 - Charged/Summonsed/Postal Requisition	2
	Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	1

	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.	40
	Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency	1
	Type 21 - Not in the public interest - police decision.	1
2017	Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition	1
	Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	3
	Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	1
	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.	51
	Type 3 - Caution Adult	1
	Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)	1
2018	Not Recorded	4
	Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition	2
	Type 11 - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Is Below The Age Of Criminal Responsibility	1
	Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	1
	Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	1
	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.	46
	Type 4 - TIC - Taken into Consideration	1
Grand Total		238

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 40 working 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