



11<sup>th</sup> February 2019

## Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 000234/19

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

I hereby request the following information relating to e-scooters (also known as escooters and electric scooters):

- 1 The number of incidents involving the use of e-scooters reported to your force in 2017 and 2018. Please give figures for each of the two years separately.
  - For each incident please provide a summary of the incident and the outcome of any investigation - eg no suspect(s) identified; if suspect(s) arrested whether they were charged, cautioned, or no further action was taken etc.

### Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019.

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have located the following information as relevant to your request.

Research has been undertaken of both recorded incidents and crimes involving e-scooters or electric scooters. Please see below:-

### NORFOLK

INCIDENT REPORTS		
Year	Details	Outcome
2017	2 young males went into takeaway and became abusive. One male had an electric scooter	Crime recorded – Section 4A Public Order Act. Type 18 – Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available
2017	Report of electric scooter stolen	Crime recorded – Theft. Type 18 – Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available
2017	Report of 2 electric scooters racing up and down road. 2 children on each one	ASB-Nuisance No crime
2018	Residential Burglary – items taken includes child's electric scooter	Crime recorded – Burglary-Residential-Dwelling Type 18 – Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available

2018	Complaint of children on electric scooters and bikes doing wheelies up and down the road	ASB-Nuisance No crime
2018	Caller concerned that child uses an electric scooter and the carriageway during school run	No crime
2018	Child pushed off electric scooter by male	Crime recorded – Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (ABH) Type 16 – Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action
CRIMES		
Year	Details	Outcome
2017	Victim of assault had an electric scooter which suspects damaged	Assault without injury – Common assault and battery Type 16 – Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action
2017	12 year old boy riding electric scooter around shop when grabbed by male and hit about the head	Assault without injury – Common assault and battery Type 16 – Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action
2018	Entered store and left taking an electric scooter without paying	Theft from shops and stalls No recorded outcome.

## SUFFOLK

INCIDENT REPORTS		
Year	Details	Outcome
2017	Boy with an electric scooter has a BB gun. Other boys also on scooters	Crime recorded – Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000) Type 18 – Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available
2017	Civil dispute over child's electric scooter	No crime recorded
2017	Young boy entered store and tried to take scooter outside, damaging it in process	Crime recorded - Unauthorised taking of conveyance other than a motor vehicle or pedal cycle Type 18 – Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available
CRIMES		
Year	Details	Outcome
2017	Young male damaged another boy's E Scooter	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000) Type 18 – Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available
2017	Electric scooter taken from communal area of a block of flats	Theft if not classified elsewhere Type 18 – Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available

2017	Child's electric scooter removed from an insecure shed. Recovered nearby	Other Burglary (other Building) Type 18 – Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available
2017	Child's electric scooter stolen from outside property	Theft if not classified elsewhere Type 18 – Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available
2018	Victim using an electric scooter when 3 large dogs ran towards her putting her in fear of attack	Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in a public place, no injury being caused Type 10 – Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police)
2018	Locked and secured electric scooter stolen from outside leisure centre	Theft if not classified elsewhere Type 18 – Investigation Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available
2018	Insecure electric scooter stolen from rear of victim's home address	Theft if not classified elsewhere Type 18 – Investigation Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available

This response will be published on the Constabularies web-site under the Freedom of Information pages:-

<https://www.norfolk.police.uk/about-us/our-data/disclosure-log>

<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/services/freedom-information/disclosure-logs>

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Amanda Gibson, 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 the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary to review their decision.

Ask Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies to look at the decision again.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding access to information, you must notify the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary that you are requesting a review within 40 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  
Norfolk Constabulary  
Operations and Communications Centre  
Jubilee House  
Falconers Chase  
Wymondham  
Norfolk NR18 0WW  
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Email: [freedomofinformation@norfolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:freedomofinformation@norfolk.pnn.police.uk)*

In all possible circumstances Norfolk and 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 Norfolk and 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:

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Water Lane  
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