

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 000260-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 17 January 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“How many incidents of physical attacks on ATMs (so ram raids or explosions, attacks with tools etc) have been made during the financial years:*
 - a. 2012-13
 - b. 2013-14
 - c. 2014-15
 - d. 2015-16
 - e. 2016-17

2. *Please indicate the amount of money stolen in thefts from ATM machines for the financial years:*
 - a. 2012-13
 - b. 2013-14
 - c. 2014-15
 - d. 2015-16
 - e. 2016-17

3. *How many people (i)charged and (ii)convicted relating to ATM attacks for the financial years:*
 - a. 2012-13
 4. 2013-14
 5. 2014-15
 6. 2015-16
 7. 2016-17”

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 5 February 2018

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 burglary related offences recorded where an ATM was involved in the offence.

1. The total number of physical attacks on ATMs is provided in the table below, this will include all occasions where an ATM has been damaged including, ram raids, attacks with tools and by unknown means. The spike in results in 2013/14 is largely due to criminal damage.

Financial Year	Total
2012-13	7

2013-14	12
2014-15	5
2015-16	8
2016-17	2
Grand Total	34

2. The value or amount stolen of these crimes is not always documents. Where a value is recorded, the information has been provided in the table below, noting that these will be approximate values.

Financial Year	Amount stolen (£)*
2012-13	0
2013-14	3,650
2014-15	0
2015-16	111,000
2016-17	31,990

3. The total number of persons charged is provided in the table below. Please note that the Constabulary does not hold conviction data, which should be sought directly from the courts.

Financial Year	Total Charged
2012-13	2
2013-14	2
2014-15	1
2015-16	1
Grand Total	6

****Information regarding property values is collected as a part of a criminal investigation. The values specified are only meant as an approximate guide and are for Police purposes only. The Police will accept no liability where the value of property listed is relied on for any other purpose.***

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/>

Suffolk Constabulary is not responsible for the content, or the reliability, of the website referenced. The Constabulary cannot guarantee that this link will work all of the time, and we have no control over the availability of the linked pages.



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