

**Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 000287-19**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 20 January 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“How many acid attacks were there in 2018?”*
2. *Please could I get the figures for 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017 separately?*

*In each case, are you please able to provide me with details of whether the attacker was caught, or not?”*

**Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 30 January 2019

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

A search has been carried out of the Constabulary's Crime Information Systems for all offences recorded that relate to an attack with a corrosive substance or acid.

The table provided below confirms the total number of offences recorded, which is in accordance with the National Police Chiefs Councils definition of a corrosive substance attack, by calendar year and the respective outcomes.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Total</b>
2014	Charged/Sentenced	1
2015	-	0
2016	Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	1
	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.	1
2017	Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	3
	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.	2
	Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	3
2018	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.	1
	Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	1
	Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	3
	Under Investigation	1



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](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