

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 000288-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 21 January 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *"How many people were arrested under Section 76 of the Serious Crime Act 2015 for 'Controlling or Coercive Behaviour in an Intimate or Family Relationship' in (please provide data for each full year respectively):*
2015
2016
2017
2018
2. *Also, can you provide a breakdown of the official recorded crime outcomes of the arrests set out above in Q1 (charged, cautioned, no further action etc.), for each of the 4 years respectively: 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.*

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 conducted via our crime management system Athena for offences connected with Coercive or controlling behaviour.

As a result in a change in crime and custody recording during October 2015, the information is only available from 19 October to date. Information contained within the Constabularies legacy custody system is no longer accessible for bulk data extraction.

1. The following number of people arrested for Coercive/Controlling behaviour is as follows, noting that 2015 information is only available from 19 October 2015:

2015 – 0
2016 – 75
2017 – 118
2018 – 188
2. The recorded outcomes for the 381 arrests are provided in the table below, noting that some of the offences will be ongoing.



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OUTCOME	2016	2017	2018
Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition	11	16	18
Type 1A - Charged/Summons - alternate offence.	8	15	6
Type 2A - Caution Youth - alternate offence.	1	0	0
Type 3 - Caution Adult	1	0	1
Type 3A - Caution Adult - alternate offence.	1	2	0
Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)	1	1	0
Type 9 - Prosecution Not In the Public Interest (CPS)	1	1	1
Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police)	0	0	1
Type 12 - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Is Too Ill (Physical Or Mental Health) To Prosecute	1	0	0
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	20	35	65
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	23	31	44
Type 17 - Prosecution Time Limit Expired: Suspect Identified	0	0	1
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.	1	2	1
Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency	0	1	0
Not Recorded	6	14	50
Grand Total	75	118	188

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.

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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
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