



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 000449-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 30 January 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *"The number of accredited persons empowered by your authority, under the Community Safety Accreditation Scheme. Please state the company/organisation of these accredited persons, and the powers they possess.*
2. *Any statistics your authority possesses on a central database concerning the use of dispersal powers in your authority in the year 2018."*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 12 February 2019

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

Information concerning the use of dispersal powers is not recorded within a central location. The information is recorded within the crime system and call data; however these systems do not contain a search functionality to specifically extract this data. We would need to trawl through call logs, crime reports and officer note books in order to extract the data required.

It is difficult to establish an approximate time for the information to be extracted. However, we can certainly say that to confirm a total figure would exceed the 18 hours in itself given the number of crimes and calls recorded by the Constabulary in any one day.

In relation to your request for information and in accordance with Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), this response serves as a formal notification of refusal for your request. Suffolk Constabulary does not hold, for the purposes of FOIA, the information you require in a retrievable format.

It is estimated that to attempt to retrieve all of the information you require would take a considerable amount of retrieval time, which would exceed 18 hours. This would exceed the appropriate limit for dealing with Freedom of Information requests, in terms of costs and therefore Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states that a Public Authority is not obliged to: *"...comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit."* The Freedom of Information (Appropriate



Limit and Fees) Regulations, defines the 'appropriate limit' for the Suffolk Constabulary as £450 and specifies that this sum equates to 18 hours work at a standard rate of £25 per hour.

In accordance with Section 17(5) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter serves as a refusal notice for this part of your request.

By requesting *all* information your request is too broad to be complied with within the £450 limit imposed on Freedom of Information requests.

Although excess cost removes the Force's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

The following table confirms the number of accredited persons (APs) the Constabulary currently has, including the organisation, number of APs per organisation and their powers.

ACCREDITED PUBLIC ORGANISATIONS

ORGANISATION	POWERS
FORESTRY COMMISSION Countryside Rangers 1 Accredited Person (AP)	1. Power to issue penalty notices for disorder.. 3. Power to issue fixed penalty notices for cycling on a footpath. 4. Power to issue fixed penalty notices for dog fouling. 5. Power to issue fixed penalty notices for graffiti and fly-posting. 6. Power to issue fixed penalty notices for littering. 7. Power to issue fixed penalty notices in respect of offences under dog control orders. 8. Power to require giving of name and address. 10. Power to require name and address for anti-social behaviour. 11. Power to require name and address for road traffic offences. 13. Power to require persons aged under 18 to surrender alcohol. 15. Power to remove abandoned vehicles 17. Power to stop cycles. 18. Power to control traffic for purposes other than escorting a load of exceptional dimensions.
SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHWAYS Highways Officers 13 AP's	8. Power to require giving of name and address. 10. Power to require name and address for anti-social behaviour. 11. Power to require name and address for road traffic offences. 18. Power to control traffic for purposes other than escorting a load of exceptional dimensions.



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	19. Power to direct traffic for the purposes of escorting abnormal loads
<p>SUDBURY TOWN COUNCIL</p> <p>Community Wardens</p> <p>7 AP's</p>	<p>4. Power to issue fixed penalty notices for dog fouling.</p> <p>5. Power to issue fixed penalty notices for graffiti and fly-posting.</p> <p>6. Power to issue fixed penalty notices for littering.</p> <p>8. Power to require giving of name and address.</p> <p>10. Power to require name and address for anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>11. Power to require name and address for road traffic offences.</p> <p>17. Power to stop cycles.</p> <p>18. Power to control traffic for purposes other than escorting a load of exceptional dimensions.</p>
<p>IPSWICH CENTRAL MANAGEMENT</p> <p>Street Ranger</p> <p>4 AP's</p>	<p>3. Power to issue fixed penalty notices for cycling on a footpath.</p> <p>4. Power to issue fixed penalty notices for dog fouling.</p> <p>5. Power to issue fixed penalty notices for graffiti and fly-posting.</p> <p>6. Power to issue fixed penalty notices for littering.</p> <p>8. Power to require giving of name and address.</p> <p>10. Power to require name and address for anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>11. Power to require name and address for road traffic offences.</p> <p>12. Power to require persons drinking in designated places to surrender alcohol.</p> <p>13. Power to require persons aged under 18 to surrender alcohol.</p> <p>15. Power to remove abandoned vehicles.</p> <p>17. Power to stop cycles.</p> <p>18. Power to control traffic for purposes other than escorting a load of exceptional dimensions.</p> <p>31. Power to issue penalty notices for disorder: causing harassment, alarm or distress.</p> <p>32. Power to issue penalty notices for disorder: throwing fireworks.</p> <p>38. Power to issue penalty notices for disorder : drinking in a designated public area.</p>

ACCREDITED PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS

<p>COMBINED SERVICE PROVIDER LTD (CSP)</p> <p>Traffic Marshall</p> <p>28 AP's (1 pending)</p>	<p>8. Power to require giving of name and address.</p> <p>11. Power to require name and address for road traffic offences.</p> <p>18. Power to control traffic for purposes other than escorting a load of exceptional dimensions.</p>
<p>CASH & TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT (CTM)</p>	<p>8. Power to require giving of name and address</p> <p>11. Power to require name and address for road traffic</p>

Traffic Management Operators 30 AP's	offences 18. Power to control traffic for purposes other than escorting a load of exceptional dimensions
JPS Event Consultancy Traffic Management Operators 10 AP's	8. Power to require giving of name and address 11. Power to require name and address for road traffic offences 18. Power to control traffic for purposes other than escorting a load of exceptional dimensions
NEWMARKET RACECOURSE 2 AP's	8. Power to require giving of name and address 10. Power to require name and address for anti-social behaviour.
NPSS SECURITY SERVICES Traffic Management Operators 17 AP's	8. Power to require giving of name and address 11. Power to require name and address for road traffic offences 18. Power to control traffic for purposes other than escorting a load of exceptional dimensions
MERVYN LAMBERT 6 AP's	8. Power to require giving of name and address. 11. Power to require name and address for road traffic offences. 18. Power to control traffic for purposes other than escorting a load of exceptional dimensions.

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