



## Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 000533-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary on the 6 February 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *"I would like to request the number of offences where the feature code 'CB – Noxious or corrosive fluid used e.g. acid thrown' is recorded on the crime log between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 inclusive, broken down by month where possible; and*
2. *The percentage and or number of said offences mentioned in 1. that were recorded as Violent Offences within the category 'Violence Against the Person' also broken down by month; and*
3. *Where available the percentage and or number of said offences mentioned in 1. that were flagged as Hate Crimes also broken down by month; and*
4. *The ethnicity, age and gender of victims of the said Violent Offences mentioned in 2. broken down by month; and*
5. *The ethnicity, age and gender of suspects in the said Violent Offences mentioned in 2. broken down by month; and*
6. *The outcomes of the said Violent Offences mentioned in 2. broken down by month; and*
7. *Of the said positive outcomes mentioned in 6. the ethnicity, age and gender of suspects broken down by month."*

## Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 6 February 2018

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

A search has been completed of the Constabularies crime system for all offences recorded that feature a noxious or corrosive fluid being thrown during 2017. The information provided

relates to all occasions where a substance has been thrown, therefore will not only include substances been thrown at individuals, but also at objects.

- The table provided below confirms the total number of offences by offence category and month.

Offence	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
<b>Norfolk Constabulary</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>29</b>
Burglary								1				1	2
Criminal Damage	2	1	4		2	1		1		2	1	2	16
Possession of Weapons	1												1
Public Order Offences			1										1
Violence against the Person	2			2	1	1		1	1	1			9
<b>Suffolk Constabulary</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>27</b>
Burglary											2		2
Criminal Damage		2	1	2	1	1		1		4			12
Robbery								2					2
Violence against the Person						1	3		3	2		2	11
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>56</b>

- As per the table above
- One of the offences listed above had a hate crime flag attached:

	May
<b>Norfolk Constabulary</b>	
Criminal Damage	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1</b>

- The ethnicity, age and gender of the victims, where recorded, of the 'violence against the person' offences, are provided in the table below. Please note that in order to ensure no individuals are identified from this disclosure, the information has been provided for the full year, as opposed to by monthly breakdowns.

Victim Gender / Ethnicity / Age	2017
<b>Norfolk Constabulary</b>	
<b>Female</b>	
Black - African	
19	1
Unknown	
41	1
White British	

36	1
35	1
31	1
<b>Male</b>	
Unknown	
65	1
63	1
White British	
56	1
41	1
<b>Suffolk Constabulary</b>	
<b>Female</b>	
White British	
30	1
39	1
59	1
<b>Male</b>	
Black	
54	1
Middle Eastern	
17	1
White British	
16	2
19	1
43	1
57	1
<b>(blank)</b>	
(blank)	
(blank)	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>20</b>

5. The ethnicity, age and gender of the suspects, where recorded, of the 'violence against the person' offences, are provided in the table below. Please note that in order to ensure no individuals are identified from this disclosure, the information has been provided for the full year, as opposed to by monthly breakdowns.

Suspect Gender / Ethnicity / Age	2017
<b>Norfolk Constabulary</b>	
<b>Female</b>	
Black - Any Other Black	
18	1
White British	
58	1

47	1
24	1
<b>Male</b>	
Unknown	
28	1
White - North European	
29	1
White British	
59	1
34	1
18	1
<b>Suffolk Constabulary</b>	
<b>Male</b>	
Black	
16	1
Unknown	
22	1
White British	
15	1
16	1
17	1
22	1
25	1
47	1
<b>Unknown</b>	
Unknown	
Unknown	3
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>20</b>

6. The outcome for the violent offences, are as follows:

Force / Outcome	Jan	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Dec
<b>Norfolk Constabulary</b>									
Ongoing				1			1		
Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition	1	2						1	
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties			1						
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties						1			
Type 3 - Caution Adult	1								
<b>Suffolk Constabulary</b>									
Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition				1					
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties							2		1

Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties					1			2	
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified					1				1
Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)							1		
(blank)					1				
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>

7. The gender, ethnicity and age of the suspects where the offences above resulted in a positive outcome is provided below. The Constabulary considers a positive outcome to fall within 1-8 of the Home office Counting Rules. Please note that in order to ensure no individuals are identified from this disclosure, the information has been provided for the full year, as opposed to by monthly breakdowns.

Suspect Gender / Ethnicity / Age	2017
<b>Norfolk Constabulary</b>	
<b>Female</b>	
White British	
58	1
<b>Male</b>	
Unknown	
28	1
White - North European	
29	1
White British	
34	2
<b>Suffolk Constabulary</b>	
<b>Male</b>	
White British	
15	1
22	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>7</b>

Information provided for questions 4, 5 and 7 has been provided as a yearly total as opposed to a monthly breakdown, as a result of exemptions within the Act.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires that Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) are to provide you the applicant with a notice ban which:

- States that fact
- Specifies the exemption(s) in question and
- States (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption(s) applies.

The information is exempt from disclosure by virtue of the following exemption;

**Section 40(2) – Personal Data (By virtue of Section 40(3)(a)(i))**

Section 40 is an absolute exemption and applies to third party personal data. This would not be released under the FOIA unless there is a strong public interest. This is because any release would breach Data Protection Principles contained within the Data Protection Act 1998.

One of the main differences between the Data Protection Act and the Freedom of Information Act is that any information released under FOI is released into the public domain, not just to the individual requesting the information. As such, any release that identifies an individual through releasing their personal data, even third party personal data, is exempted unless there is a strong public interest in its release. The public interest is not what interests the public but what benefits the community as a whole.

Personal data is defined under the Data Protection Act 1998 as data that is biographical in nature, has the applicant as its focus and/or affects the data subject's privacy in his or her personal, professional or business life.

This is an absolute, class based exemption and, as such, there is no requirement for the public interest test.

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 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  
Norfolk Constabulary  
Operations and Communications Centre  
Jubilee House  
Falconers Chase  
Wymondham  
Norfolk NR18 0WW  
OR  
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:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
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