

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 000560-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 6 February 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1) *"In the year of 2017/18 how many people were arrested under the 1824 Vagrancy Act?
a) May this please be grouped by reason for the arrest or the offence title.*

- 2) *In the year of 2017/18 how many people were charged under the 1824 Vagrancy Act?
a) May this please be grouped by reason for charge or the offence title and details*

- 3) *In the year of 2016/17 how many people were arrested under the 1824 Vagrancy Act?
a) May this please be grouped by reason for the arrest or the offence title.*

- 4) *In the year of 2016/17 how many people were charged under the 1824 Vagrancy Act?
a) May this please be grouped by reason for the charge or the offence title.*

- 5) *In the year of 2015/16 how many people were arrested under the 1824 Vagrancy Act?
a) May this please be grouped by reason for the arrest or the offence title.*

- 6) *In the year of 2015/16 how many people were charged under the 1824 Vagrancy Act?
a) May this please be grouped by reason for the charge or the offence title."*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 14 February 2019

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

For the time frame specified, there have been no arrests made under the Vagrancy Act 1824.

The Total number of investigations recorded is provided in the table below, including the year and recorded outcome.

Information concerning investigations under the Vagrancy Act is not held prior to the 19 October 2015, which is the date from which the current crime system was implemented. These owing to the fact such offences are non-notifiable and they were not recorded historically.



Offence / Outcome	15/16	16/17	17/18
Vagrancy Act 1824 , Begging, gathering alms or causing or procuring any child so to do			
Not Recorded		1	
Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition	1	3	
Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police)			1
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties			2
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties			1
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.	1	2	1
Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)		1	
Vagrancy Act 1824 - Being on enclosed premises for an unlawful purpose			
Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition	1	1	
Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police)		1	
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties		3	6
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.			
Type 2 - Caution Youth			
Type 21 - Not in the public interest - police decision.			1
Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)			
Vagrancy Act 1824 - Collecting alms or endeavouring to procure charitable contributions by fraudulent pretence			
Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)	1		
Grand Total	4	12	12

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.

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