



Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 000723-19

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

1. *"The number of Strip Searches that Suffolk Police has performed in 2018?"*
2. *As a direct result of these Strip Searches, what were the numbers of searches that resulted in illegal substances / items that were concealed in the suspects body? i.e. positive searches.*
3. *I also need to know from the overall annual figure, a breakdown of the ethnicity, age and gender of these suspects?"*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 12 March 2019

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

A search has been completed of the Constabulary's stop and search data for all Section 54 Strip Searches carried out during the 2018 calendar year.

The total number of Strip Searches authorised, conducted and resulting in a positive search is provided in the tables on the attached Excel Spreadsheet, by gender, ethnicity and age.

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
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