



15th March 2019

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 000739/19

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 20th February 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 How many people are wanted by your force on outstanding arrest warrants? This includes (but is not exclusive to) suspects who have failed to turn up to court, and where an arrest warrant has been issued.

I would like the most recent figure for 2018. Please break down by the nature of the crime/crime code, if possible.

- 2 What is the longest period of time a suspect has been wanted by police on an outstanding arrest warrant? Please provide the nature of the offence.
- 3 I would also like the same figures requested in (1.) for the years 2016 and 2017. I.e.: how many people were wanted by police on outstanding arrest warrants at the end of:
 - 1a 2016
 - 2b 2017

Response to your Request

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have considered your request and our response is below:-

When responding to a request for information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, a public authority is not obliged to provide information if the authority estimates that the cost of the retrieval of the information requested would be in excess of £450 (equivalent to 18 hours work).

The costs criteria relates to a request in its entirety, which means that if we cannot retrieve all of the information requested within the costs limit, we are not obliged to retrieve *any* of the information requested.

The Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies estimates that to retrieve all the information you have requested for both forces would exceed cost in excess of £450 (per force).

The Constabularies have been able to run a report of outstanding warrants as at 26th February 2019 and the figures have been provided at the end of this response. However, it is not possible to identify the number of outstanding warrants as at the end of each year. The Warrants Section has carried out research of the number of warrants issued each year and estimates that to provide the figures for 2018 alone would exceed 37 hours for Suffolk warrants and 45 hours for Norfolk.

This would therefore significantly exceed the appropriate limit for dealing with a Freedom of Information request, in terms of costs, and therefore Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act applies.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 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 2004, defines the ‘appropriate limit’ for the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies as £450 for each Constabulary, and specifies that this sum equates to 18 hours work at a standard rate of £25 per hour.

In accordance with Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act (2000), this serves as a Refusal Notice for your request.

Advice and Assistance

Although excess cost removes Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relevant to your request, which was 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 includes outstanding Fail To Appear, First Instance and Breach warrants as at 26th February 2019. Where a warrant covers multiple offences, the main offence has been provided.

NORFOLK

Main Offence	Number of warrants
Affray	2
Aggravated vehicle taking - (initial taker) and vehicle damage under £5000	1
Assault / ill-treat / neglect / abandon a child / young person to cause unnecessary suffering / injury	3
Assault a constable in the execution of his / her duty	3
Assault a female 13 and over by penetration with part of body / a thing - SOA 2003	1
Assault a girl under 13 by touching - SOA 2003	1
Assault a person thereby occasioning them actual bodily harm	7
Assault by beating	22
Assault with intent to commit robbery	2
Attempt theft - other - including by theft ' finding '	1
Attempt theft from shop	2
Begging in a public place	1
Blackmail	1
Breach a criminal behaviour order	1
Breach a non-molestation order - Family Law Act 1996	2
Breach of suspended sentence order	11
Burglary dwelling - with intent to steal	3
Burglary dwelling and theft - no violence	3
Burglary other than dwelling - theft	1
Cause unnecessary suffering to a protected animal - Animal Welfare Act 2006	2

Child abduction - parent take child out of UK	3
Common assault	3
Conceal / disguise / convert / transfer / remove criminal property	1
Concerned in production of a controlled drug of Class B - cannabis	3
Concerned in the supply of a controlled drug of Class B - cannabis	1
Conspiracy to defraud - Common Law	1
Conspire to commit a burglary other than a dwelling with intent to steal	3
Conspire to produce cannabis a class B drug	1
Conspire to steal from another	2
Conspire to steal from the person of another	1
Conspire to supply a class A controlled drug - heroin	2
Criminal damage to property valued under £5000	9
Dishonestly fail notify change of circumstances affecting entitlement to social security benefit / advantage / payment	1
Drive a mechanically propelled vehicle on a road / in a public place without due care and attention	2
Drive a motor vehicle dangerously	2
Drive a motor vehicle otherwise than in accordance with a licence - endorsable offence	1
Drive a vehicle whilst unfit through drugs	1
Drive motor vehicle when alcohol level above limit	29
Drive motor vehicle with a proportion of a specified controlled drug above the specified limit	4
Drive whilst disqualified	10
Driver of a vehicle fail to stop after a road accident	1
Drunk and disorderly in a public place	1
Drunk in charge of a child under the age of seven years	1
Enter into / concerned in acquisition / retention / use or control criminal property	1
Fail to comply with community requirements of SUSPENDED SENTENCE ORDER	28
Fail to comply with the requirements of a community order	8
Fail to comply with the requirements of a Youth Rehabilitation Order	1
Fail to give information about driver / rider of vehicle - section 112 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984	4
Fail to give name and address to constable - acting in anti-social manner - Police Reform	1
Fail to provide specimen for analysis - vehicle driver	9
Fail to stop a mechanically propelled vehicle when required by constable / traffic warden	1
Fail to surrender to police / court bail at the appointed time	1
Failed without reasonable excuse to comply with the supervision requirements imposed following release from a period of imprisonment.	9
Fraud by false representation - Fraud Act 2006	10
Going equipped for theft - not motor vehicle	5
Handle stolen goods	2
Harassment - breach of a restraining order on conviction	2
Harassment without violence	1

Immigration - enter / remain in UK beyond time limit	1
In charge of motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit	1
Indecent assault on a girl under the age of 16 years	1
Indecent assault on boy under the age of 14 years	1
Indecent assault on woman over 16 years of age	1
Make a false statement / representation - immigration	1
Make indecent photograph / pseudo-photograph of a child	2
Obstruct / resist a constable in execution of duty	2
Offender 18 or over engage in non penetrative sexual activity with girl 13 to 15 - SOA 2003	1
Pass as genuine a thing knowing it was a counterfeit of a currency note - Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981	1
Possess / control article for use in fraud - Fraud Act 2006	1
Possess a controlled drug of Class A - Cocaine	1
Possess a controlled drug of Class A - Heroin	4
Possess a controlled drug of Class A - MDMA	1
Possess a controlled drug of Class B - Cannabis / Cannabis Resin	6
Possess a weapon for the discharge of a noxious liquid / gas / electrical incapacitation device / thing	2
Possess an offensive weapon in a public place	4
Possess indecent photograph / pseudo-photograph of a child	1
Possess knife blade / sharp pointed article in a public place - Criminal Justice Act 1988	8
Possess knife blade or sharply pointed article	3
Possess shotgun without a certificate	1
Possess with intent to supply a controlled drug of Class A - Cocaine	1
Possess with intent to supply a controlled drug of Class A - Crack Cocaine	1
Possess with intent to supply a controlled drug of Class A - Heroin	4
Possess with intent to supply a controlled drug of Class A - MDMA	1
Possess with intent to supply a controlled drug of Class B - Cannabis Resin	1
Produce controlled drug of Class B - cannabis	6
Racially / religiously aggravated common assault / beating	1
Racially / religiously aggravated criminal damage	1
Racially / religiously aggravated harassment / alarm / distress by words / writing	1
Racially / religiously aggravated intentional harassment / alarm / distress - words / writing	1
Rape a female under 16	1
Rape a woman 16 years of age or over - SOA 2003	1
Robbery	3
Section 18 - grievous bodily harm with intent	1
Section 18 - wounding with intent	2
Seek / obtain leave to enter / remain in UK by deceptive means - immigration	1
Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message	1
Send letter / communication / article conveying false information	1

Send letter / communication / article conveying indecent / offensive message	1
Sex offenders register - fail comply with notification requirements - SOA 2003	2
Sexual activity with a girl 13 to 17 - not s. 21 premises - adult abuse of position of trust	1
Sexual activity with a mentally disordered female - no penetration - SOA 2003	1
Sexual assault on a female	3
Sexual assault on a male	1
Theft - other - including theft by finding	3
Theft by employee	1
Theft from a motor vehicle	2
Theft from a shop	35
Theft from the person of another	2
Theft in dwelling other than an automatic machine or meter	1
Theft of motor vehicle	1
Threats to kill	1
Use a false instrument with intent it be accepted as genuine - Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981	1
Use threatening / abusive / insulting words / behaviour with intent to cause fear of / provoke unlawful violence	6
Use threatening / abusive words / behaviour or disorderly behaviour likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress	1
Use violence to secure entry to premises	1
Without authority possess inside a prison an item specified in section 40D(3B)	1
Total number of warrants	374

SUFFOLK

Main Offence	Number of warrants
Affray	1
Aggravated vehicle taking - (initial taker) vehicle and property damage under £5000	1
Assault a person thereby occasioning them actual bodily harm	3
Assault by beating	12
Attempt theft from shop	1
Attempt to drive motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit	1
Breach of suspended sentence order	11
Burglary dwelling and theft - no violence	4
Burglary other than dwelling - theft	2
Cause wasteful employment of police	1
Common assault	2
Conceal / disguise / convert / transfer / remove criminal property	2
Concerned in the supply of crack cocaine	1
Conspiracy to defraud - Common Law	1
Conspire to steal from another	2

Contravene/fail to comply with EU provision concerning food safety and hygiene	1
Criminal damage to property valued under £5000	10
Dishonestly fail notify change of circumstances affecting entitlement to social security benefit / advantage / payment	1
Drive a mechanically propelled vehicle on a road / in a public place without due care and attention	3
Drive a motor vehicle dangerously	3
Drive a motor vehicle otherwise than in accordance with a licence - endorsable offence	1
Drive motor vehicle when alcohol level above limit	24
Drive motor vehicle with a proportion of a specified controlled drug above the specified limit	12
Drive whilst disqualified	7
Drunk and disorderly in a public place	1
Escape from lawful custody	1
Fail to comply with community requirements of SUSPENDED SENTENCE ORDER	13
Fail to comply with the requirements of a community order	4
Fail to give information relating to the identification of the driver / rider of a vehicle when required	2
Fail to provide specimen for analysis - vehicle driver	5
Fail to stop a mechanically propelled vehicle when required by constable / traffic warden	1
Failed without reasonable excuse to comply with the supervision requirements imposed following release from a period of imprisonment.	4
False imprisonment	1
Fraud by false representation - Fraud Act 2006	5
Going equipped for burglary	1
Going equipped for theft - not motor vehicle	1
Handle stolen goods	1
Harassment - put in fear of violence	1
Harassment without violence	1
Immigration - enter / remain in UK beyond time limit	1
Improper importation of goods - controlled drug of Class B into the United Kingdom	1
In charge of motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit	1
Indecent assault on woman over 16 years of age	1
Keep / manage a brothel used for prostitution	1
Knowingly make a false relevant record / entry kept for the purposes of the Community Recording Equipment regulations	1
Make indecent photograph / pseudo-photograph of a child	1
Make off without making payment	1
Obstruct / resist a constable in execution of duty	1
Obstruct execution of warrant - data protection	1
Obtain property by deception	3
Offender 18 or over engage in penetrative sexual activity with a girl 13 to 15 - SOA 2003	1
Persistently make use of public communication network to cause annoyance / inconvenience / anxiety	2

Possess a controlled drug of Class A - Cocaine	2
Possess a controlled drug of Class A - Heroin	1
Possess a controlled drug of Class B - Cannabis / Cannabis Resin	5
Possess an imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence	1
Possess an offensive weapon in a public place	1
Possess article with blade / sharply pointed article on school premises	1
Possess knife blade / sharp pointed article in a public place - Criminal Justice Act 1988	5
Possess with intent to supply a controlled drug of Class A - Crack Cocaine	2
Possess with intent to supply a controlled drug of Class A - Heroin	1
Possess with intent to supply a controlled drug of Class B - Cannabis	1
Rape a female aged 16 years or over	2
Robbery	1
Section 18 - grievous bodily harm with intent	2
Section 18 - wounding with intent	2
Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature	1
Sex offenders register - fail comply with notification requirements - SOA 2003	1
Sexual assault on a female	4
Theft - other - including theft by finding	1
Theft by employee	1
Theft from a motor vehicle	1
Theft from a shop	23
Theft from the person of another	1
Theft in dwelling other than an automatic machine or meter	1
Theft of motor vehicle	1
Threats to kill	1
Unauthorised possession in prison of knife or offensive weapon	1
Use a motor vehicle on a road / public place without third party insurance	6
Use threatening / abusive / insulting words / behaviour to cause harassment / alarm / distress	1
Use threatening / abusive / insulting words / behaviour with intent to cause fear of / provoke unlawful violence	1
Use threatening / abusive words / behaviour or disorderly behaviour likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress	2
Worker knowingly keep / allow to be kept smuggled goods - Licensing	1
Wound / inflict grievous bodily harm without intent	2
Total number of warrants	242

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 40 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*

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 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