



18th March 2019

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 000748/19

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:

In the last three years, how many crimes have been committed in Norfolk / Suffolk where the location was listed as a school or college?

For each of the offences can you please:

- Give a brief description of the offence (e.g. sexual offence, assault, theft, criminal damage)
- State whether it was committed by a pupil or a member of school staff
- For each offence which involved a victim, state whether the victim was a pupil or a member of school staff

I am happy to have the data broken down by calendar year (2016, 2017, 2018) or by financial year (2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 (to date)), whichever form is easiest, and would like the data in an Excel spreadsheet if possible.

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 15th March 2019.

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).

Research has been undertaken of recorded crimes which have occurred in educational premises, between 2016 and 2018. This has returned 2,708 crimes for Norfolk and 2,133 for Suffolk. It would be necessary to review the details of each of these in order to determine whether the offences involved pupils or members of staff.

Based on an estimate of 5 minutes each, this would 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 & 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.

Offence Category	Number of Crimes
NORFOLK - 2016	
Arson & Criminal Damage	64
Burglary	16
Drug Offences	45
Mis. Crimes against society	97
Non-notifiable	8
Possession of weapons	18
Public order offences	49
Robbery	2
Sexual offences	109
Theft	133
Vehicle offences	7
Violence against the person	343
TOTAL	891
NORFOLK - 2017	
Arson & Criminal Damage	68
Burglary	13
Drug Offences	48
Mis. Crimes against society	66
Non-notifiable	1
Possession of weapons	7
Public order offences	29
Robbery	72
Sexual offences	118

Theft	133
Vehicle offences	3
Violence against the person	358
TOTAL	916
NORFOLK - 2018	
Arson & Criminal Damage	47
Burglary	10
Drug Offences	28
Mis. Crimes against society	67
Non-notifiable	1
Possession of weapons	23
Public order offences	86
Robbery	2
Sexual offences	103
Theft	105
Vehicle offences	3
Violence against the person	426
TOTAL	901
SUFFOLK - 2016	
Arson & Criminal Damage	37
Burglary	13
Drug Offences	22
Mis. Crimes against society	30
Non-notifiable	11
Possession of weapons	12
Public order offences	63
Robbery	2
Sexual offences	48
Theft	129
Vehicle offences	7
Violence against the person	313
TOTAL	688
SUFFOLK - 2017	
Arson & Criminal Damage	46
Burglary	11
Drug Offences	17
Mis. Crimes against society	32
Non-notifiable	6
Possession of weapons	21
Public order offences	84

Robbery	1
Sexual offences	89
Theft	117
Vehicle offences	5
Violence against the person	305
TOTAL	735
SUFFOLK - 2018	
Arson & criminal damage	33
Burglary	16
Drug Offences	18
Mis. Crimes against society	21
Non-notifiable	2
Possession of weapons	21
Public order offences	80
Robbery	2
Sexual offences	96
Theft	94
Vehicle offences	4
Violence against the person	322
TOTAL	710

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