



Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 000816-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies on 26 February 2019 which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“The number of arrests made by Police relating to the illegal sale of nitrous oxide (laughing gas) across all police forces in your area from 01 January 2016 to December 31, 2018 in data sets of years.*
2. *The locations of each of the arrests grouped by landmarks.*
3. *The ages of the defendants, suspects or person thought responsible in groupings of (13-17), (18-21), (22-25), (26-30), (31-40), (41-50), (51-60), (61+).*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 11 March 2019

Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies have considered your request for information and the response is below.

A search has been completed of the Constabularies custody data for all arrests made of persons for ‘Possess a psychoactive substance with intent to supply’ relating to Nitrous Oxide, for the time range 1 January 2016 – 31 December 2018.

The table provided below confirms the total number of offences recorded including the location and age range of the person arrested.

	18-21	22-25	26-30	31-40
Norfolk Constabulary	4	2	0	2
2016				
Royal Norfolk Showground, Norwich		1		
2017				
Bawburgh	1	1		
2018				
Houghton Park, Houghton				1

Royal Norfolk Showground, Norwich	3			1
Suffolk Constabulary	1	3	3	0
2016				
Bishops Hill, Ipswich	1			
Henham Park Estate, Henham		3	1	
2018				
Henham Park Estate, Henham			2	
Grand Total	5	5	3	2

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 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
Suffolk Constabulary
Police Headquarters
Martlesham Heath
Ipswich
Suffolk
IP5 3QS
OR
Email: information@suffolk.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 40 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
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