



Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 000842-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies on 1 March 2019 which you sought access to the following information:

- 1) *“As of the 1st January for each calendar year from 2010 to 2019; how many operational vehicles did the force have in its fleet?”*
- 2) *“As of the 1st January for each calendar year from 2010 to 2019; how many operational vehicles equipped with blue lights and sirens for emergency responses did the force have in its fleet?”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 7 March 2019

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

The Constabularies currently have approximately 600 unmarked police vehicles (excluding covert and sensitive vehicles) within the fleet. Some of those vehicles may have sirens and lights however, this detail is not immediately obvious from fleet records and we would be required to manually review each vehicles record to establish whether it is fitted with lights and sirens.

Considering vehicles will change over time, including new vehicles being purchased and old vehicles being sold, but also vehicle use can also change and result in lights and sirens being added / removed. Therefore we would have to review each year's data to establish whether the vehicles were fitted with lights and sirens at that point in time.

Considering a search of 3 minutes per vehicle, it would take in excess of 30 hours per year to extract this data. The Constabularies fleet have already spent 7 hours extracting the data presented below and therefore even considering those vehicles in service now would take us over the appropriate time frame.

The total number of vehicles in the Constabularies fleet as at the 1 January for each respective year is provided in the table below including, the total number of marked and unmarked vehicles.

All marked vehicles will all be equipped with blue lights and sirens for emergency responses.

The figures provided exclude covert and sensitive vehicles such as armed response vehicle numbers. The figures also exclude vehicles that are still in preparation and not yet in service.

Force / Vehicle Type	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
NORFOLK	630	629	584	473	516	529	551	564	598	595
Marked	414	422	390	290	281	285	287	277	292	277
Unmarked	216	207	194	183	235	244	264	287	306	318
SUFFOLK	473	462	467	515	522	520	556	533	529	508
Marked	220	211	219	237	234	247	268	251	249	240
Unmarked	253	251	248	278	288	273	288	282	280	268
Grand Total	1103	1091	1051	988	1038	1049	1107	1097	1127	1103

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
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Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
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