



29th March 2019

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 000931/19

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 7th March 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

For the last three calendar years (2016, 2017 and 2018) and for January and February 2019. Please could you provide:

- A The number of incidents reported to police of an under 18 in possession of a knife (article with a blade or point) in school or on school property. For each offence, please detail:
 - I the age of the pupil reported to be in possession of the knife
 - II the type of knife (ie. kitchen knife, sword)

- B The number of people under 18 arrested for crimes involving knives reported on school grounds. Please give a breakdown of each incident by:
 - I The age of the person arrested.
 - II What the knife was used for (ie. Stabbing)

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 21st March 2019.

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have located the following information as relevant to your request.

Part A Research has been undertaken of recorded crimes relating to the possession of weapons on school premises. The results have been narrowed down to those that refer to a knife or bladed article. Please see below:-

NORFOLK

Age	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
8	1	0	3	0	4
11	0	2	2	0	4
12	1	1	1	0	3
13	1	1	1	1	4
14	1	1	2	1	5
15	1	0	2	0	3
Total	5	5	11	2	23

Type of article with a blade or point	Age						Total
	8	11	12	13	14	15	
Craft Knife	0	1	1	1	0	1	4
Kitchen knife	1	1	0	0	1	1	4
Lock knife	0	0	0	2	2	0	4
Pen knife	1	0	0	1	1	0	3
Stanley knife	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
Cheese Knife	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Gardening knife	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Modelling knife	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Multi tool	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Razor blade	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Steak knife	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	4	4	3	4	5	3	23

SUFFOLK

Age	2016	2017	2018	Total
11	0	0	1	1
12	0	2	1	3
13	2	0	0	2
14	0	0	1	1
Total	2	2	3	7

Type of article with a blade or point	Age				Total
	11	12	13	14	
9" knife which has a 4 1/2 serrated blade	0	1	0	0	1
Kitchen knife	0	1	1	0	2
Stanley Knife	0	0	1	0	1
Unknown	1	0	0	1	2
Vegetable knife	0	1	0	0	1
Total	1	3	2	1	7

Part B Research has been undertaken of custody records where an arrest has taken place on school/college premises. The results have been reviewed to see if any involved a knife. Please see below:-

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Year	Age	Offence Description
2016	17	Robbery

SUFFOLK

No arrests.

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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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:

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Water Lane
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