



## **Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 001123-19**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 20 March 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

*"I would like figures for the number of road users caught "middle-lane hogging" motorways or three-lane carriageways in your area. This is when drivers break Rule 264 of the Highway Code, which states that: "You should always drive in the left-hand lane when the road ahead is clear". The official offence is "careless driving" or "driving without due care for other road users", but I only want the information specifically in relation to unnecessarily driving in the middle lane of the carriageway.*

*I am interested in the following calendar years:\**

*1 Jan 2014 - 31 Dec 2014*

*1 Jan 2015 - 31 Dec 2015*

*1 Jan 2016 - 21 Dec 2016*

*1 Jan 2017 - 31 Dec 2017*

*1 Jan 2018 - 31 Dec 2018*

*1 Jan 2019 - current date (please specify current date when submitting back)*

*Broken down by each of the years above, please provide the following information for your force area:*

- 1. The total number of recorded incidents of "middle-lane hogging"*
- 2. The total number of fines handed-out for "middle-lane hogging"*
- 3. The total number of prosecutions for "middle-lane hogging"*
- 4. The total amount of money collected from fines handed-out for "middle-lane hogging"*
- 5. The single largest fine handed-out for "middle-lane hogging"*
- 6. If possible within the cost limits of the FOIA, a full list of the roads/motorways where people were found to be "middle-lane hogging"*

*\*If your force does not record data in calendar years, please provide the information in the closest yearly periods available – i.e. financial years.\**

## **Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 2 April 2019

Suffolk Constabulary has considered your request for information and the response is below.

Suffolk Constabulary does not specifically record the number of offences of middle lane hogging, any such offences will be recorded as 'lane hogging' and those offences have been provided in the table below, to assist.

Year	Total	Fixed penalty paid	Course completed	Prosecuted	NFA	Not yet completed	Roads	
2015	4	1	3				A14	Nacton
								Coddenham
								Wherstead
								Chippenham
2016	0							
2017	5	1	2	1	1		A11	Red Lodge
							A12	Martlesham
							A14	Exning
								Risby
								Ipswich
2018	6	0	4	0	0	2	A11	Red Lodge
							A14	Copdock
								Haughley
								Newmarket
								Stowmarket
Westley								

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 Suffolk Constabulary to review their decision.

Ask Suffolk Constabulary to look at the decision again.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by Suffolk Constabulary under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding access to information, you must notify Suffolk Constabulary that you are requesting a review within 40 working 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](mailto:information@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)*

In all possible circumstances 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 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](http://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