

**Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 001166-19**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 25 March 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

*"I am writing to request information relating to the amount of money confiscated or seized as part of brothel raids in Suffolk, and information relating to prosecutions for street-based prostitution offences in Suffolk.*

*Specifically I am requesting information for fines given and money seized under:*

- *Sections 33-36 of the Sexual Offences Act 1956*
- *Street Offences Act 1959*
- *Sexual Offences Act 2003*
- *Anti-Social Policing, Crime and Behaviour Act 2014.*

*I am requesting:*

- 1. A financial figure for overall monies received from fines for street-based prostitution offences during 2016-2017, and 2017-2018;*
- 2. A financial figure for overall monies received as part of confiscations from brothel raids in 2016-2017, and 2017-2018;*
- 3. The number of cautions given to street-based sex workers in 2016-2017, and 2017-2018;*
- 4. The number of arrests made of street-based sex workers in 2016-2017, and 2017-2018;*
- 5. The number of anti-social behaviour orders given to street-based sex workers in 2016-2017, and 2017-2018.*

**Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 17 April 2019

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

1. Prostitution is not a Penalty Notice Disorder offence, and subsequently no fines have been issued.



2. In October 2014 the Financial Investigation for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk collaborated into ERSOU (EASTERN Regional Special Operations Unit).

Since October 2014, any Cash Forfeitures & Confiscations obtained in all of these regions is shared between the 5 forces.

The following Confiscations were obtained under POCA 2002 and relate to the crime type of "Pimps & Brothels/Prostitution/Pornography":

**2016/2017** = 4 confiscations to the value of £13,943.95

**2017/2018** = 11 confiscations to the value of £90,870.00

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Nil return.

Street workers are no longer subject to caution, arrest and anti-social behavioural orders.

Suffolk can **neither confirm nor deny** that it holds any other information relevant to the whole of your request by virtue of the following exemption:

**Section 23(5) – Information supplied by, or concerning, certain security bodies**

The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1(1)(a) would involve the disclosure of any information (whether or not already recorded), which was directly or indirectly supplied to the public authority by, or relates to, any bodies specified in subsection (3).

This is an absolute exemption and I am therefore not required to complete a public interest test.

**This cannot be taken as confirmation or otherwise that further information does or does not exist.**

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