



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 001194-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 26 March 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

"I would like to find out whether the force has any punitive measures in place specifically for people caught having sex in parks or public spaces. This might include measures such as fines or tickets, for example.

If it does, please could you disclose how many such measures you have handed out to date, and, if possible, according to the year?

For clarity, I am asking about specific measures which you may have that target people who have sex in parks and/or public spaces, and not about punishment for offences which might cover this type of act (such as outraging public decency)."

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 1 April 2019

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

Suffolk Constabulary does not have any specific measures in place, there are no tolerated locations, nor specific tailored punishments for people found in such locations undertaking such acts.

Each case would be dealt with on its own merits, and the offences of outraging public decency would most commonly be used, whilst also looking at safeguarding vulnerable people involved who may be exploited.

To assist, for the calendar year 2018 there have been a total of 49 "Committing or conspiring to commit, an act of outraging public decency" offences.

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*

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 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