



Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 001285-19

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

“For the financial years 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19, please could you provide me with:

1. The number of each of the following offences:

- Threaten with an offensive weapon on school premises*
- Possession of other offensive weapon on school premises without lawful authority or reasonable excuse*
- Having article with a blade or point on school premises*
- Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school premises*

2. In each case, the age of the person found in possession of the offensive weapon, the type of weapon and the outcome of the offence.”

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 11 April 2019

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

A search has been completed of the Constabularies Crime Management System Athena for the above specified offences.

1. The below tables provide the number of offences recorded for the requested years:

Suffolk	Financial Year			Total
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	
Offence name				
Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	19	18	24	61
Possession of other offensive weapon on school premises	2	2	1	5
Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school premises	4	4	2	10
Threaten with an offensive weapon on school premises		1	2	3
Grand Total	25	25	29	79

Norfolk	Financial Year			Total
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	
Offence name				
Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	15	30	20	65
Possession of other offensive weapon on school premises	2	4	5	11
Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school premises	5	1	9	15
Threaten with an offensive weapon on school premises		1	1	2
Grand Total	22	36	35	93

2. Please find below tables for age, type of weapon and outcome, split by Suffolk and Norfolk data.

Weapon

Suffolk	Financial Year			Total
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	
Offence name				
Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	19	18	24	61
Air weapon	1			1
Bladed article	5	6	12	23
Bolt croppers			1	1
Fidget spinner with metal sharpened blades		1		1
Gun, knife	1			1
Knife	11	8	10	29
Not specified	1	2	1	4
Stanley		1		1
Possession of other offensive weapon on school premises	2	2	1	5
Chinese throwing star	1			1
Not specified		1	1	2
Shank	1			1
Spanner		1		1
Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school premises	4	4	2	10
Bladed article	1	1		2
Broken perspex	1			1
Knife	2	3	2	7

Threaten with an offensive weapon on school premises		1	2	3
Chair leg			2	2
Knife		1		1
Grand Total	25	25	29	79

Norfolk	Financial Year			Total
Offence name	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	
Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	15	30	20	65
Bladed article	2	2	2	6
Knife	12	21	17	50
Knife, scissors	1			1
Multi Tool		1	1	2
Pencil sharpener blade		1		1
Pointed article in form of toy		2		2
Razor blades		2		2
Stanley		1		1
Possession of other offensive weapon on school premises	2	4	5	11
Bladed article		1		1
Broken scissors			1	1
Brush handle	1			1
Knife	1			1
Knuckle duster		1	2	3
Not specified		1	1	2
Staple remover			1	1
Wooden stake		1		1
Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school premises	5	1	9	15
Bladed article	1			1
Knife	1	1	9	11
Scissors	2			2
Sharp instrument	1			1
Threaten with an offensive weapon on school premises		1	1	2
Knife		1	1	2
Grand Total	22	36	35	93

Age

Suffolk	Financial Year			Total
Offence name	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	
Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	19	18	24	61
10	2	2	3	7
11	2		1	3
12	2	2	7	11
13	5	4	3	12
14	1	2	3	6
15	2	3	3	8
16		1	2	3
17	1			1
22	1			1
42	1			1
52			1	1
#N/A	2	4	1	7
Possession of other offensive weapon on school premises	2	2	1	5
14	2			2
15		2		2
16			1	1
Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school premises	4	4	2	10
8	1			1
10			1	1
12	2	3		5
13			1	1
15	1			1
#N/A		1		1
Threaten with an offensive weapon on school premises		1	2	3
11		1		1
15			2	2
Grand Total	25	25	29	79

Norfolk	Financial Year			Total
Offence name	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	
Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	15	30	20	65
7		1		1
8	1	1	2	4
9	1			1
11	2	6	3	11

12	2	2	2	6
13	1	5	3	9
14	2	5	9	16
15	3	2		5
16	1	2		3
17	2	1		3
18		1	1	2
23		1		1
#N/A		3		3
Possession of other offensive weapon on school premises	2	4	5	11
12	1			1
13			1	1
14			1	1
15		3	3	6
16		1		1
44	1			1
Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school premises	5	1	9	15
12	2	1	1	4
13	2		7	9
15	1		1	2
Threaten with an offensive weapon on school premises		1	1	2
14		1		1
15			1	1
Grand Total	22	36	35	93

Outcome

Suffolk	Financial Year			Total
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	
Offence name				
Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	19	18	24	61
Not Recorded	1	12	22	35
Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition	1			1
Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police)		1		1
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	3		1	4
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties			1	1
Type 2 - Caution Youth	7			7
Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency	5	3		8
Type 21 - Not in the public interest - police decision.		2		2
Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)	2			2
Possession of other offensive weapon on school premises	2	2	1	5
Not Recorded	1		1	2
Type 2 - Caution Youth		1		1
Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)	1	1		2
Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school premises	4	4	2	10
Not Recorded		1	2	3
Type 11 - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Is Below The Age Of Criminal Responsibility	1			1
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	1	1		2
Type 2 - Caution Youth	1			1
Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency		2		2
Type 21 - Not in the public interest - police decision.	1			1
Threaten with an offensive weapon on school premises		1	2	3

Not Recorded		1	1	2
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties			1	1
Grand Total	25	25	29	79

Norfolk Offence name	Financial Year			Total
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	
Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	15	30	20	65
Not Recorded			4	4
Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition	2	2		4
Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police)	1	5	2	8
Type 11 - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Is Below The Age Of Criminal Responsibility	2	3	1	6
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties			2	2
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties		3	2	5
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.		1		1
Type 2 - Caution Youth	2	1	1	4
Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency	1	6	4	11
Type 21 - Not in the public interest - police decision.	2	5		7
Type 3 - Caution Adult		1		1
Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)	5	3	4	12
Possession of other offensive weapon on school premises	2	4	5	11
Not Recorded			2	2
Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition			1	1
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	1	1		2
Type 1A - Charged/Summons - alternate offence.	1			1
Type 2 - Caution Youth		2		2
Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or			2	2

agency				
Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)		1		1
Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school premises	5	1	9	15
Not Recorded			1	1
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	2	1	1	4
Type 2 - Caution Youth	1			1
Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency	2		6	8
Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)			1	1
Threaten with an offensive weapon on school premises		1	1	2
Type 2A - Caution Youth - alternate offence.		1		1
(blank)			1	1
Grand Total	22	36	35	93

Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide crime statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the crime data. It should be noted that for these reasons this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Clair Pack, FOI Decision Maker, quoting the reference number shown above.

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<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
Wycliffe House

Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
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