



7th May 2019

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 001316/19

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 4th April 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

Please provide a current list of boroughs at your force with drug squads or specialist detective units dedicated solely to dealing with drug enforcement.

Where applicable, please indicate if they are level 1 or level 2 units.

Please also provide an historical list of boroughs at your force that had, in the past, drug squads or specialist detective units dedicated solely to dealing with drug enforcement along with the year it was disbanded.

If it is the case that your force has in the last five years has formed a drug squad or specialist detective units dedicated solely to dealing with drug enforcement, then please provide this information also, along with the year they were formed.

CLARIFICATION:-

Clarifications, should you find them useful:

Please provide a current list of divisions at your force with drug squads or specialist detective units dedicated solely to dealing with drug enforcement.

Where applicable, please indicate if they are level 1 or level 2 units (local/ force level)

Please also provide an historical list of divisions at your force that had, in the past ten years, drug squads or specialist detective units dedicated solely to dealing with drug enforcement along with the year it was disbanded.

If it is the case that your force has in the last five years formed or reformed a drug squad or specialist detective units dedicated solely to dealing with drug enforcement, then please provide this information also, along with the year they were formed.

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 7th May 2019.

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

Information regarding dedicated units dealing with drug enforcement has previously been released in September 2018 and the response can be accessed via the links below:-

[http://www.suffolk.police.uk/sites/suffolk/files/003340-18 - specialist officers.pdf](http://www.suffolk.police.uk/sites/suffolk/files/003340-18_-_specialist_officers.pdf)

[http://www.suffolk.police.uk/sites/suffolk/files/003340-18 - data.xlsx](http://www.suffolk.police.uk/sites/suffolk/files/003340-18_-_data.xlsx)

Under Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act (2000), public authorities are not required to provide information that is reasonably accessible to the public by other means; in this case via the Suffolk Constabulary website, therefore in accordance with Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act (2000), this serves as a Refusal Notice for your request.

The Proactive Drugs Team in Suffolk no longer exists and the officers have mostly been absorbed into a Serious Crime Disruption Team.

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/>

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies are not responsible for the content, or the reliability, of the website referenced. The Constabulary cannot guarantee that this link will work all of the time, and we have no control over the availability of the linked pages.

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 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:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700