



## Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 001441-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 23 April 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *"How many Firearms Certificates (FAC) have been issued by your force, each calendar month, from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2018.*
2. *How many Shotgun Certificates (SGC) have been issued by your force, each calendar month, from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2018.*
3. *How many people have been refused a FAC under the terms of Section 27 (1) (a) of the Firearms Act 1968 (as amended) when the concern was that the applicant was unfit to be entrusted with a firearm to which section 1 of this Act applies due to a medical condition, each calendar month from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2018.*
4. *How many people have been refused a SGC under the terms of Section 28 (1) of the Firearms Act 1968 (as amended) when the concern was that the applicant could not be permitted to possess a shot gun without danger to the public safety or to the peace due to a medical condition, each calendar month from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2018.*
5. *How many people have had their FAC revoked under the terms of Section 30A (2) (a) of the Firearms Act 1968 (as amended) when the holder was considered to be of intemperate habits or unsound mind or was otherwise unfitted to be entrusted with a firearm due to a medical condition, each calendar month from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2018.*
6. *How many people have had their FAC revoked under the terms of Section 30A (2) (b) of the Firearms Act 1968 (as amended) when it was considered that the holder could no longer be permitted to have the firearm or ammunition to which the certificate relates in his possession without danger to the public safety or to the peace due to a medical condition, each calendar month from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2018.*
7. *How many people have had their SGC revoked under the terms of Section 30C of the Firearms Act 1968 (as amended) when it was considered that the holder could not be permitted to possess a shot gun without danger to the public safety or to the peace due to a medical condition, each calendar month from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2018.*

8. *How many people were reported to the relevant prosecution agency for a contravention of Section 28A (7) of the Firearms Act 1968 (as amended) where the applicant knowingly or recklessly made any statement relating to a medical condition which was false in any material particular for the purpose of procuring (whether for himself or another) the grant or renewal of a certificate under this Act, each calendar month from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2018.”*

**Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 3 May 2018

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

1. The total number of Firearms Certificates (FAC) granted by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies is provided in the table below.

These figures relate to new firearm applications and licence renewals.

<b>Norfolk FAC</b>			
<b>Month</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>January</b>		132	66
<b>February</b>		99	55
<b>March</b>		129	45
<b>April</b>	133	78	
<b>May</b>	130	96	
<b>June</b>	166	68	
<b>July</b>	130	126	
<b>August</b>	110	121	
<b>September</b>	68	117	
<b>October</b>	74	114	
<b>November</b>	133	92	
<b>December</b>	137	50	

<b>Suffolk FAC</b>			
<b>Month</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>January</b>		105	81
<b>February</b>		97	60
<b>March</b>		132	52
<b>April</b>	125	86	
<b>May</b>	89	108	
<b>June</b>	126	94	
<b>July</b>	125	86	

<b>August</b>	127	84	
<b>September</b>	64	88	
<b>October</b>	111	101	
<b>November</b>	36	128	
<b>December</b>	82	66	

2. The total number of Shotgun Certificates (SGC) issued by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies is as follows.

These figures relate to new firearm applications and licence renewals.

<b>Norfolk SGC</b>			
<b>Month</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>January</b>		520	299
<b>February</b>		566	215
<b>March</b>		497	187
<b>April</b>	462	458	
<b>May</b>	431	347	
<b>June</b>	513	436	
<b>July</b>	410	406	
<b>August</b>	445	464	
<b>September</b>	431	457	
<b>October</b>	407	560	
<b>November</b>	688	550	
<b>December</b>	553	264	

<b>Suffolk SGC</b>			
<b>Month</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>January</b>		439	268
<b>February</b>		378	205
<b>March</b>		450	200
<b>April</b>	354	306	
<b>May</b>	354	374	
<b>June</b>	393	307	
<b>July</b>	352	363	
<b>August</b>	395	322	
<b>September</b>	346	378	
<b>October</b>	437	412	
<b>November</b>	348	457	
<b>December</b>	357	246	

3. The number of people who have been refused a FAC under the terms of Section 27 (1) (a) of the Firearms Act 1968 (as amended) was as follows:

Force	Month / Year	Total
Suffolk	January 2016	1
Suffolk	August 2017	1

4. The number of people refused a SGC under the terms of Section 28 (1) of the Firearms Act 1968 (as amended) is as follows:

Force	Month / Year	Total
Norfolk	July 2016	1
Norfolk	March 2017	1
Norfolk	May 2017	1
Suffolk	January 2016	1
Suffolk	February 2016	2
Suffolk	March 2017	1

5. The Constabularies do not differentiate between the quoted sections under questions 5-7. The data held and presented below, refers to revocations under section 32(a), all with regards to medical conditions.

Force	Month / Year	Licence Type	Reason	Total
Norfolk	May 2016	Shot Gun	Medical Issues	1
Norfolk	June 2016	Shot Gun	Medical Issues	2
Norfolk	October 2016	Firearm	Medical Issues	1
Norfolk	October 2016	Shot Gun	Medical Issues	3
Norfolk	January 2017	Shot Gun	Medical Issues	1
Norfolk	April 2017	Firearm	Medical Issues	1
Norfolk	April 2017	Shot Gun	Medical Issues	1
Norfolk	December 2017	Firearm	Medical Issues	1
Norfolk	December 2017	Shot Gun	Medical Issues	1
Suffolk	July 2016	Firearm	Medical Issues	1
Suffolk	July 2016	Shot Gun	Medical Issues	2
Suffolk	December 2016	Shot Gun	Medical Issues	1
Suffolk	June 2017	Shot Gun	Medical Issues	1
Suffolk	November 2017	Shot Gun	Medical Issues	1
Suffolk	December 2017	Shot Gun	Medical Issues	1

6. As above
7. As above
8. No information held as there have been no such occurrences.

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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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](mailto: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 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](http://www.ico.org.uk) or contact them at the address shown below:

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Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
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