

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 001478-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 25 April 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“Does your force record thefts of “Asian Gold” under a specific descriptor, or in such a way that specific data on the thefts of Asian Gold can be extracted from your records.*
2. *If so, could you provide us with figures for:*
 - a. *The number of Asian Gold thefts*
 - b. *The total estimated value of Asian Gold thefts for the 12 months up to and including March 2018.*
3. *Assuming the retrieval of the relevant data falls within the FOI request cost restrictions, could you also provide us with the same figures for the previous 4 years: i.e. the 12 months up to and including March 2017, March 2016, March 2015 and March 2014.”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 4 May 2018

Suffolk Constabulary does not have a specific method in capturing data relating to thefts of ‘Asian Gold’. However, Constabulary analysts are currently capturing the data within spreadsheets, although this is not necessarily information that will be centrally recorded indefinitely. Therefore the information we have provided related to the time frame 1 October 2016 - 31 March 2018.

The total number of recorded thefts and their estimated value, as recorded by the Constabulary, is as follows:

Year	Total Crimes	Total Value
2016/17	2	£1,711
2017/18	26	£106,595
Total	28	£108,306

Information regarding property values is collected as a part of a criminal investigation. The values specified are only meant as an approximate guide and are for Police purposes only. The Police will accept no liability where the value of property listed is relied on for any other purpose.



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.

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 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 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