



Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 001507-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies on 18 April 2019 which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“How many arrests have your police force made for the offences of supplying controlled drugs or possession with intent to supply controlled drugs in the last year (2018 calendar year) for young persons aged sixteen or under?”*
2. *Please provide if possible the figures for each age group i.e. ten, eleven, twelve etc and also broken down by gender for each of the two offences, breaking the alleged offences down by Class A and Class B drugs.*
3. *For those children who were arrested AND were aged 13 or under please provide specific details on the charge they were arrested on and the exact type and class of drug they were alleged to have been involved with.”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 18 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 system for all possession and supply offences recorded during the 2018 calendar year, where the suspect was aged 16 years old and under.

The arresting offences researched were the following:

- Drug – concerned in supplying controlled drug
- Drugs – Possession with intent to supply – Class A
- Drugs – Possession with intent to supply – other than Class A
- Drugs – Supplying controlled drug

The information provided below confirms all relevant arrests where the arresting offence was either the primary offence or the secondary offence.

The total number of arrests recorded concerning possession and supply of drug offences, is provided in the table below. The table includes the age and gender of those persons arrested.

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Gender / Age / Offence	Class A	Class B	Not stated
Female			
14			
Drugs - Concerned in supplying controlled drug		1	
Drugs - Possession With Intent to supply - Class A	1		
15			
Drugs - Concerned in supplying controlled drug	1		
Male			
15			
Drugs - Concerned in supplying controlled drug		1	
Drugs - Possession With Intent to supply - Class A	5		
Drugs - Possession With Intent to supply - other than Class A		5	
16			
Drugs - Concerned in supplying controlled drug	4	3	1
Drugs - Possession With Intent to supply - Class A	9		
Drugs - Possession With Intent to supply - other than Class A	1	3	
Drugs - Supplying controlled drug		1	
Grand Total	21	14	1

Norfolk Constabulary		
Gender / Age / Offence	Class A	Class B
Male		
11		
Drugs - Concerned in supplying controlled drug		1
13		
Drugs - Concerned in supplying controlled drug	1	
Drugs - Supplying controlled drug		1
14		
Drugs - Possession With Intent to supply - Class A		2
15		
Drugs - Concerned in supplying controlled drug	10	
Drugs - Possession With Intent to supply - Class A		4
Drugs - Possession With Intent to supply - other than Class A		5
Drugs - Supplying controlled drug		1

16		
Drugs - Concerned in supplying controlled drug	24	
Drugs - Possession With Intent to supply - Class A		7
Drugs - Possession With Intent to supply - other than Class A		7
Grand Total	35	28

One 11 year old male arrested in Norfolk for 'Drugs – Concerned in supplying controlled drugs', the drug type was cannabis.

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
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Water Lane
Wilmslow
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