



Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 001579-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 2 May 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *"Where data is available for each of the following periods, please state how many cases were investigated within your authority related to the "Theft Act 1968: Section 13 (for abstraction of electricity)":*
2016
2017
2018 (Q1)
2. *If data is available, please also state how many related to abstraction of electricity for suspected use in cultivation or manufacture of illegal drugs for the timeframes outlined above.*
3. *If data is available, please state the number of cases that related to abstraction of electricity for suspected use in cultivation or manufacture of illegal drugs that were investigated in rented properties (i.e. not owner-occupied premises) for the timeframes outlined above."*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 10 May 2018

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

A search has been completed of the Constabularies crime system for all 'Abstracting Electricity' offences recorded for the time frame 1 January 2016 – 31 March 2018. Each offence was then manually reviewed to extract the data for questions 2 and 3.

The tables provided below confirm for each Constabulary, the total number of abstraction offences, the number where drug cultivation / manufacture is mentioned in the crime text and the number of offences where the location is recorded as a rented property.

Norfolk Constabulary	2016	2017	Q1 2018
1. Total Offences*	12	21	13
2. Related to cultivation / manufacture of illegal drugs	5	6	7
3. Location - rented accommodation**	1	2	1

Suffolk Constabulary	2016	2017	Q1 2018
1. Total Offences*	7	14	3
2. Related to cultivation / manufacture of illegal drugs	1	1	1
3. Location - rented accommodation**	0	1	0

* There were no attempted abstraction offences.

** The information provided for question 3 relies on this level of information being contained within the crime text.

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.

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 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 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
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