



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 001582-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 26 April 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

“Can you please tell me for each of the years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018

How many incidents of drink-spiking were recorded by your force?

Please search for this data by means of keyword searches of MO codes, using the terms 'spike', 'spiking', 'drink-spike', 'drink spiked', spiked drink', while checking to make sure that they don't refer to some other context (e.g. 'a spiked fence' or 'spiked hair').

Finally, can you please attach the first five MO codes from January 2018 for drink spiking-related offences? I accept redactions may need to be made to remove personal information.”

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 13 May 2019

Suffolk Constabulary has considered your request for information and the response is below.

A freetext search has been completed as requested, of the Constabulary’s crime system for all offences recorded that contain the word or phrase listed within the request above. Please note that freetext searches are by their very nature, unreliable. Consequently there may be additional relevant offences that have not been picked up in the search parameters used.

The total number of offences recorded during the 2015 – 2018 calendar years is provided in the table below.

Year	Total
2015	5
2016	5
2017	7
2018	10
Total	27

The first MO of the first 5 offences recorded in 2018, is as follows:

During the evening hours in a busy town believes drinks have been spiked and something sexual has happened
Doctor/Nurse raise concerns that female disclosed that she had been raped after having her drink spiked.
During hours of darkness unknown suspect has spiked victims drink with opioids
During the hours of darkness has spiked the drink of a female victim
Female victim discloses to paramedic that while out in a pub her drink was spiked and she was bundled into a taxi and subsequently raped

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 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 40 working 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