



Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 001603-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies on 29 April 2019 which you sought access to the following information:

“Please provide figures for each year from 2016 to 2019-to-date.

- 1) *Please provide the number of reports of possession of a pointed or bladed article, where a school is named as the venue/location.*
- 2) *Please provide the number of arrests for possession of a pointed or bladed article, where a school is named as the venue/location.*
- 3) *Please provide the number of all crimes reported involving a knife, broken down by type of offence, where a school is named as the venue/location.*
- 4) *Please provide the number of all violent crimes, broken down by type of offence, where a school is named as the venue/location.*
- 5) *Please provide the number of arrests for violent crimes, broken down by type of offence, where a school is named as the venue/location.”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 14 May 2019

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

1. The total number of offences recorded of possession of a pointed or bladed article recorded where a school is named as the location, is as follows:

Norfolk				
Offence	2016	2017	2018	2019
Having an article with a blade or point in a public place	1			
Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	12	29	22	16

Grand Total	13	29	22	16
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Suffolk				
Offence	2016	2017	2018	2019
Having an article with a blade or point in a public place			2	
Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	14	21	22	13
Grand Total	14	21	24	13

2. The number of arrests for possession of a pointed or bladed article recorded where a school is named as the location, is as follows:

Norfolk			
Offence	2016	2017	2019
Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	2	5	1
Grand Total	2	5	1

Suffolk			
Offence	2016	2017	2018
Having an article with a blade or point in a public place			1
Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	3	2	1
Grand Total	3	2	2

There have been no arrests recorded in Suffolk this year to date.

3. The total number of offences involving a knife recorded where a school is named as the location, is as follows:

Norfolk				
Offence	2016	2017	2018	2019
Affray		1		1
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (ABH)	2		2	
Assault without Injury - Common assault and battery				1
Attempted - Assault without Injury - Common assault and battery	1			
Burglary - Business And Community			1	
Engage in controlling/coercive behaviour in an intimate / family relationship.			1	
Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	8	12	15	9
Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)			1	
Possession of offensive weapon on school premises other than with a blade		2	2	
Racially or religiously aggravated fear or provocation of violence		1		
Sec 4 POA Fear or provocation of violence		1	1	4
Sec 4a POA Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress				1

Sending letters etc with intent to cause distress or anxiety, Malicious Communications Act 1988			1	
Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school premises	1			7
Threaten with an offensive weapon on school premises		1		
Threats to kill		1		
Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm (Indictable)		1	1	
Grand Total	12	20	25	23

Suffolk				
Offence	2016	2017	2018	2019
Affray			1	
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (ABH)	1	1		
Assault without Injury - Common assault and battery		3	1	
Attempted - Robbery (Personal) (Indictable)	2			
Burglary - Business And Community			1	
Having an article with a blade or point in a public place			1	
Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	1	9	11	8
Minor wound without intent (s20)			1	
Possession of offensive weapon on school premises other than with a blade		2		1
Possession of offensive weapon without lawful authority or reasonable excuse		1		
Sec 4 POA Fear or provocation of violence		1		
Sec 4a POA Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress		1		
Sec 5 POA Harassment, alarm or distress			1	
Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article in a public place				1
Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school premises	1	3		
Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm (Indictable)		2		
Grand Total	5	23	17	10

4. The total number of violent crimes recorded where a school is named as the venue/location.

Norfolk				
Offence	2016	2017	2018	2019
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (ABH)	94	101	132	57
Assault Police - Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (ABH) (S.47)		1		
Assault without Injury - Common assault and battery	119	122	141	62
Assault without injury on a constable (Police Act offence)	4	1		1
Attempted - Assault without Injury - Common assault and battery	1		1	
Attempted - Child Abduction - Abduction of a child by parent	1			
Attempted - Commit offence of kidnapping or false imprisonment with intention of arranging travel with view to exploitation			1	
Attempted - Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm (Indictable)	1			
Breach of a restraining order		1	1	2

Cruelty to Children/Young Persons - Cruelty to and neglect of children	4			
Engage in controlling/coercive behaviour in an intimate / family relationship.			2	
GBH serious wound without intent (s20)	2	5	2	1
Harassment - Pursue course of conduct in breach of Sec 1 (1) which amounts to stalking	1		1	
Harassment - Putting people in fear of violence	1		3	2
Harassment - without violence (course of conduct)	7	8	18	10
Minor wound without intent (s20)		4	13	4
Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in a public place injuring any person		1		
Racially or religiously aggravated assault or assault occasioning actual bodily harm		3		2
Racially or religiously aggravated common assault or beating	1	1	8	
Racially or religiously aggravated wounding or grievous bodily harm			1	
Sending letters etc with intent to cause distress or anxiety, Malicious Communications Act 1988	17	21	23	15
Stalking involving fear of violence		1		
Stalking involving serious alarm/distress		1		
Threats to kill	2	1	6	
Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm (Indictable)		1	3	
Grand Total	255	273	356	156

Suffolk				
Offence	2016	2017	2018	2019
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (ABH)	77	95	83	30
Assault without Injury - Common assault and battery	118	110	112	25
Assault without injury on a constable (Police Act offence)	4	4	3	
Attempted - Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (ABH)	1			
Attempted - Assault without Injury - Common assault and battery	1	1		
Attempted - Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm (Indictable)	1			
Breach of a restraining order	1	2		
Cruelty to Children/Young Persons - Cruelty to and neglect of children	1			
Disclose private sexual photographs and films with intent to cause distress		1		
GBH serious wound without intent (s20)	3	1	3	
Harassment - Pursue course of conduct in breach of Sec 1 (1) which amounts to stalking	1	1		
Harassment - Putting people in fear of violence		2	2	
Harassment - without violence (course of conduct)	4	14	27	
Minor wound without intent (s20)	5	8	4	8
Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control injuring any person or assistance dog	1			3
Racially or religiously aggravated assault or assault occasioning actual bodily harm	1	1	1	
Racially or religiously aggravated common assault or beating	3	2	2	
Racially or religiously aggravated Harassment or stalking without violence		1	1	

Sending letters etc with intent to cause distress or anxiety, Malicious Communications Act 1988	19	25	30	9
Threats to kill	1		3	
Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm (Indictable)	2	2	1	
Grand Total	244	270	272	75

5. The total number of arrests for violent crimes recorded where a school is named as the location, is as follows:

Norfolk				
Offence	2016	2017	2018	2019
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (ABH)	9	6	7	2
Assault Police - Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (ABH) (S.47)		1		
Assault without Injury - Common assault and battery	8	17	4	3
Assault without injury on a constable (Police Act offence)	2			1
Breach of a restraining order				1
Cruelty to Children/Young Persons - Cruelty to and neglect of children	4			
GBH serious wound without intent (s20)		1		
Harassment - without violence (course of conduct)		1		
Minor wound without intent (s20)			1	
Sending letters etc with intent to cause distress or anxiety, Malicious Communications Act 1988		1	2	
Threats to kill			2	
Grand Total	23	27	16	7

Suffolk				
Offence	2016	2017	2018	2019
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (ABH)	7	2	3	2
Assault without Injury - Common assault and battery	12	9	19	1
Assault without injury on a constable (Police Act offence)	1	4	3	
Breach of a restraining order		1		
Harassment - without violence (course of conduct)		1	1	
Minor wound without intent (s20)	1			
Racially or religiously aggravated assault or assault occasioning actual bodily harm	1			
Sending letters etc with intent to cause distress or anxiety, Malicious Communications Act 1988	1		1	
Threats to kill	1			
Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm (Indictable)	1			
Grand Total	25	17	27	3

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
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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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