

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 001685-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 10 May 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

"I am making this FOI request as advised in the following e-mail from your colleagues. Any relevant information which you can readily obtain will be most welcome. Please if possible advise me:

Over any period in recent years, how many prosecutions and/or warnings have there been in Suffolk over wildlife crime. Other info which would be welcome is: how many allegations has the Suffolk force received."

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 18 May 2018

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

A search has been completed of the Constabulary's crime system for all offences that fall under the definition of a wildlife offence and those that contain the term 'Wildlife offence' in the short title of the offence.

Full Offence Title	Outcome	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Commit wildlife offences	A3. Summons				1			
	B1. Caution	1		1				
	Charged		1					
	NFA - CR			2	1			
	NO FURTHER ACTION		1	1				
	Not Recorded	2	4	8	1			
Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, Prohibition of certain methods of killing or taking wild birds	Under Investigation						1	
Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, Protection of certain wild animals	Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties					1	1	
	Type 17 - Prosecution Time Limit Expired: Suspect					1		



	Identified							
	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.					1		
	Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)						1	
	Under Investigation							1
Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, Protection of nests and eggs of wild birds	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.						3	1
Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, Protection of wild birds	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.					2	2	
Wildlife Offences	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.				1		1	
	Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties							1
Grand Total		3	6	12	4	5	9	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.

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