



## **Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 001708-19**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 7 May 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *"The number of sickness days taken by all police officers within your police force over the latest available calendar year.*
2. *The number of sickness days taken by all police officers at the rank of constable within your police force over the latest available calendar year.*
3. *The number of sickness days taken by all police officers in their probation within your police force over the latest available calendar year.*
4. *The time taken for a probationary constable in your force to achieve Independent Patrol Status (IPS), based on the latest available data.*
5. *The number of hours that probationary status constables in your force spend on coached patrol and street duties, based on the latest available data."*

## **Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 8 May 2019

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

The information provided below is based on time frame 01.01.2018-31.12.2018 and the information is provided in hours as opposed to days, as the Constabulary records sickness in hours.

1. The total number of sickness hours taken by all police officers for the 2018 calendar year was 100402.12 hours.
2. The total number of sickness hours taken by police officers at the rank of constable during this time frame was 87150.32 hours.
3. The total number of sickness hours taken by all police officers in their probation during this time frame was 5881 hours.



4. It takes 100 working days (800 hours) for a probationary constable to achieve Independent Patrol Status (IPS).
5. Probationary constables spend 50 working days (400 hours) on coached patrol and street duties.

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](mailto: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](http://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