



7th June 2019

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 001765/19

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 10th May 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 For 2017; how many recorded assaults were there on on duty police officers, catergorised as:
 - A Total
 - B Assault a constable in the execution of his/her duty
 - C Assault designated / accredited person
 - D Assault constable - ABH
 - E Assault constable - malicious wounding
 - F Assault constable - wounding with intent to do GBH
 - G Assault with intent to resist arrest
 - H Sexual assault
 - I Other

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 30th May 2019.

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have located the following information as relevant to your request.

As previously advised in our response 001409/19, since April 2017, there have been offence codes relating to assaults on Police Officers which have resulted in either an injury or no injury. Prior to this there was only an offence category for assaults on officers with no injury. However, if an injury had occurred, this would have been recorded under the specific violent offence category, for example ABH, GBH, etc.

The below figures for Assault With Injury are from April 2017 onwards and Assault Without Injury for the full year.

| 2017 | | |
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| Offence Type | Norfolk | Suffolk |
| ASSAULT WITH INJURY ON A CONSTABLE | 107 | 73 |
| Assault Police - Assault with Injury - Assault occasioning actual bodily harm | 90 | 54 |
| Assault Police - Assault with Injury - Malicious wounding: wounding or inflicting grievous bodily harm (Minor wound or equivalent) | 9 | 13 |
| Assault Police - Assault with Injury - Malicious wounding: wounding or inflicting grievous bodily harm (Serious wound or equivalent) | 2 | 0 |
| Assault Police – Cause GBH with intent to resist/prevent arrest. | 0 | 1 |
| Assault Police - Wounding with intent to resist/prevent arrest | 2 | 2 |

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| Attempted - Assault Police - Assault with Injury - Assault occasioning actual bodily harm | 0 | 1 |
| Attempted - Assault Police - Assault with Intent to cause Serious Harm - Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm | 4 | 1 |
| Attempted - Assault Police - Wounding with intent to resist/prevent arrest | 0 | 1 |
| ASSAULT WITHOUT INJURY ON A CONSTABLE | 381 | 287 |
| Assault without Injury on a Constable - Assaults a designated person or his assistant in the exercise of a relevant power | 1 | 2 |
| Assault without Injury on a Constable - Vagrant violently resisting a constable | 0 | 1 |
| Assault without injury on a constable (NOT covered by the Police Act 1996) | 1 | 1 |
| Assault without injury on a constable (Police Act offence) | 374 | 279 |
| Attempted - Assault without injury on a constable (Police Act offence) | 5 | 4 |
| Total | 488 | 360 |

This response will be published on the Constabularies web-site under the Freedom of Information pages:-

<https://www.norfolk.police.uk/about-us/our-data/disclosure-log>

<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/services/freedom-information/disclosure-logs>

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Amanda Gibson, 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 40 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
Norfolk Constabulary
Operations and Communications Centre
Jubilee House
Falconers Chase
Wymondham
Norfolk NR18 0WW
OR
Email: freedomofinformation@norfolk.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
Telephone: 01625 545 700